THE WEATHER

Local rains Monday; Tuesday, partly cloudy; fresh north winds.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

More than war depression will be necessary to dampen its ardor. Have you issued your invitation to the public for a share of its holiday business?

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LODZ IS TAKEN BY GERMANS IS OFFICIAL BERLIN REPORT

Manufacturing Center of Russian Poland Taken by Germans Sunday Afternoon, According to Dispatches Received Late Last Night—Battle for Possession Has Raged for a Number of Weeks in Poland.

GERMANS ARE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO ENVELOP RUSSIAN FORCES IN POLAND

Servian Capital May be Moved Again, But Officials of Servia Deny That Step is Already Taken—Renewal of Heavy Fighting in the Argonne Region, Where the French Are Reported as Making Some Progress.

Berlin, December 6.—Via London—It is officially announced that the Germans occupied Lodz Sunday.

Lodz, a city of some 150,000 population, is the chief manufacturing center of Russian Poland. It has numerous textile mills, the majority of them for the manufacture of cotton goods. In addition, it has flour mills, dyeing establishments, brick yards, machinery plants and breweries. The population is made up of Poles, Germans and Jews.

Ostend is Reported Burning.

London, December 7—3:15 A. M.—"Ostend is reported on fire," says a Daily Chronicle dispatch from Dunkirk.

"It is believed the conflagration was caused either by a British bombardment or German incendiaries."

Detailed News is Scarce.

London, December 6. — Battles for possession of Lodz and railways leading through Northern Poland to Warsaw continue without abatement, but the reticence of the German and Russian headquarters staffs and the meagerness of telegraphic communication which is interrupted by storms, prevent a clear view of the progress of the fighting.

The German official report tonight dismisses the struggle in a single sentence: "The battles of Lodz are developing according to our expectations," while the last Russian report sent from Petrograd Friday simply recorded that fighting was in progress.

From unofficial sources, however, it is gathered that on Thursday last the Germans, having failed to pierce the Russian center, commenced with the aid of reinforcements another attempt to envelope the Russians on both flanks. This is indicated by the fact that there is fighting near Ilow, north of Lodz, and at Piotrkow, to the south. Both places are in advance of the positions at which the Germans previously have been reported in their second invasion of Poland and, like Lodz, they are on the main roads to the Polish capital.

There is no news from South Poland beyond a German denial of a reported Russian success at Czenstochowa.

The capture of an advanced position at Przemysl is regarded as conferring a valuable advantage to the Russians in their attack on the fortress. Leaving this city to the attention of the besieging armies, the Russians are pushing in small bodies steadily across the plains of Hungary, and fugitives are said to be pouring toward Budapest.

In the face of the Austrian advance in Servia, there has been talk of the removal of the capital fro mNish to Mitrovitza, but Servia denies that this step actually has been taken. The allies continue to push forward in Flanders, and in Northern France, but the Germans explain they are giving ground for tactical and strategical reasons. The advance, as far as Flanders is concerned, seems to have been checked on the outskirts of Langemarck.

There has been a renewal of hard fighting in the Argonne district where the French claim progress. On the whole, however, in these siege operations, successes and reverses, only mean a gain or loss of a few hundred yards and a slight readjustment of positions.

Seemingly more important is the unofficial statement that the French have seriously interfered with the German communications between Metz and the Woevre district in France, for here, as elsewhere, command of the roads is of the greatest importance.

It was announced officially tonight that during his visit to France King George conferred the Order of Merit on Field Marshal Sir John French, and also pinned the Victoria Cross on the first Indian soldier to win that decoration.

GERMAN CLAIMS RIDICULOUS

Says Official Statement Issued by Russian Government at Petrograd.

Petrograd, (via London), Dec. 6.—An official statement issued here describes as ridiculous German claims of having captured enormous numbers of prisoners, cannon and machine guns. It says the armies have been fighting continuously and that it is impossible to estimate the losses.

"This fact," continued the statement, "prevents us from publishing an official denial, as the general staff carefully avoids giving details not verified.

"On the other hand, the German denial that they have lost a single gun is disproved by the fact that in the Brzezny district alone, near Lodz, we took 23 guns and a large amount of spoils. As to German prisoners 10,000 have past one point alone of our front where prisoners are registered.

"Neither do the Germans mention the supply columns which they burned or cannon and ammunition abandoned in the forests and which we are finding.

"Germans also conceal losses sustained in the November fighting, although witnesses state that never has a field of battle presented such a sight, as on the roads of the German retreat towards Strykow. At some points the German dead were piled not less than a metre high. All inhabitants of the district have been burying the dead and

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OLD TIME VESSEL BRAVES [illegible] STORM

Constellation Weathers Blow With [illegible] Damage.

WAS AD[illegible] FOR HOURS

Excepting for the Loss of Two Anchors, Frigate of Ancient Days Reaches Norfolk None the Worse for Her Experience.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 6. — With two anchors gone, but otherwise apparently uninjured, the historic old frigate Constellation, which came near being driven ashore off Ocean View beach yesterday during a severe northeast gale, was towed to the Norfolk navy yard this afternoon by the tugs Ontario, Hercules and Massasoit.

There were twenty men on board the Constellation, which was in command of Boatswain Arthur B. Smith. The Ontario, which had the vessel in tow when she ran into the storm, was commanded by Boatswain Sanstrum.

Boatswain Smith and his crew were inclined to minimize the danger in which they were placed, but naval officers regard the saving of the old ship without damage a remarkable feat.

The Constellation broke away from the Ontario at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. She was then off the Thimble Shoals light. The wind was blowing 50 miles an hour and the seas were very high. The tow line, parted by the force of the gale, became entangled in the propeller of the Ontario, and she was forced to call for assistance. The navy tug Reno, which was first to reach the Ontario and Constellation, also fouled the tow line.

The Constellation, in endeavoring to save herself, from being driven ashore, lost two anchors. Boatswain Smith said when the vessel finally anchored she had 24 feet of water under her.

Other Vessels Saved.

The Cape Charles lightship, which broke away from its moorings last night, was anchored within half a mile of the shore at Virginia Beach today. The revenue cutter Itasca, which went to her assistance, was unable to reach her, because of high seas and dangerous shoals. Life savers were unable to launch life boats on account of the surf.

The lighthouse tender Orchid reached the imperrilled lightship this afternoon and three men in a small boat risked their lives to get a line to her. They succeeded, and the lightship was taken in tow.

An unknown man suffering only the pains of hunger, was cast on the beach between Lynn Haven and Ocean View this morning, when a scow which broke away from the tug Tormentor, during Saturday morning off Cape Henry, came ashore.

The Tormentor lost two scows, but managed to recover one and came into the Lynn Haven Roads for shelter. The lone man on the scow spent thirty hours at sea in a seventy-mile gale with no means of helping himself. The scow is only slightly damaged, and may be floated.

Life savers at Virginia Beach have received reports that an unknown schooner is ashore on the North Carolina coast, near Poynters' Hill Life Saving Station.

CONSTELLATION'S RECORD

Oldest in the Service of Uncle Sam—Built in Baltimore in 1797

Washington, Dec, 6. —The frigate Constellation, most ancient of vessels in use by the navy, had been on exhibition at the Washington navy yard and was being towed back to Newport, R. I., where she serves as a training ship for recruits, when she went adrift in Chesapeake Bay last night.

One of three sister ships built for the navy during the administration of Washington in 1797, the Constellation is the last of the group to be in practical use. The United States was stricken from the list years ago. The more famous Constitution, doomed to a like end, was saved by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem "Old Iron-sides" and has been in honored retirement at the Boston navy yard.

The Constellation was built in Baltimore and was towed to that city for participation in the Star Spangled Banner Centennial celebration last September. On her way to Baltimore the ship stopped at Norfolk where guns and spars were installed to give her the appearance she had in the old days when she took part in the war with Tripoli in 1802 and struck terror into the British in 1812.

Her visit in Baltimore concluded, Secretary Daniels, in response to urgent requests ordered the old frigate to Washington. In the capital, where she lay at the navy yard dock, she was visited by thousands. Among others were scores of veteran naval officers who served aboard her during their rise from midshipmen to commodores and admirals. Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the powerful naval bureau of navigation, as a midshipman made his first cruise on the old ship thirty years ago.

Captain Thomas Truxtun was the first commander of the Constellation and her roll of officers has included many of the great heroes of the American navy.

Petrograd, Dec. 6.—The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh struck a mine and returned tot Constantinople considerably damaged, according to the Russian official news agency's Constantinople advices. These advices say also Russian warships have sunk six Turkish sailing vessels which were carrying war supplies.

London, Dec. 6.—During his visit to France, King George conferred the Order of Merit on Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent.

BELGIUM IS LIVING ON AMERICAN FOOD

Saved From Starvation for the Past Fortnight.

NATION IS GRATEFUL

All Americans in Liege Hailed as Benefactors While "Old Glory" Is Saluted Whenever Seen —More Food Badly Needed

Rotterdam, Holland, Dec. 6, via London—"For the past fortnight American food has saved us from starvation," was the statement today of a Belgian committeeman distributing American relief shipments in Liege Province.

"All our grain was exhausted," he said, "because it was requisitioned by the German army. Except for a small supply of meat and a meager quantity of field crops we had nothing.

"The Americans have saved us from starvation", is the cry on every lip. Every American seen in Liege was hailed as a benefactor. Whenever an automobile carrying an American flag passed in the streets, the people take off their hats.

"Seventeen thousand tons of wheat has been received in Liege and 35,000 people are being supplied with nearly a half pound each, daily. It is not a great quantity for a grown man, but it is saving us from starvation. Rich and poor receive the same amount. Our supply of bread is running out already. We are mixing potato flour with the wheat and by this means we can last another three or four days by which time we are praying more American wheat will arrive.

"We need 200 tons of wheat daily. The only other foods we are able to distribute are less than a quart of soup and until now about a pound of potatoes daily with a tiny quantity of meat occasionally. Distribution is difficult because the Germans commandered our means of transport. In offering our heartfelt thanks to the American people we pray them to allow their generosity to continue for without them we should have starved and without them we must starve".

ROCKEFELLER SPENT MILLION

And Will Spend Many More in Aiding Starving Belgians

New York, Dec. 6.—The Rockefeller Foundation already has spent about $1,000,000 for the relief of the starving population of Belgium. The Founda tion further "is ready to spend millions of dollars, if necessary in this direction."

A statement detailing the activities of the Foundation authorized tonight by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as president of the foundation said in part:

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War News at a Glance

Lodz, the second city of Poland and lying 75 miles to the west-southwest of Warsaw, has fallen to the German arms. It was occupied Sunday, according to an official announcement from Berlin.

Around this important town, a desperate battle has raged for days. Countless thousands have fallen in desperate hand-to-hand conflicts and from the shells of hundreds of guns.

I twas evident from the occupation of Lodz by the Germans that the heaviest kind of fighting has been going on, for late advices told of a vicious attack, and bombardment of Lodz and fighting on the outskirts of the city and, previous to that, of operations 20 miles west of Piotrkow, which lies considerably south of Lodz and along a line from Glowno, 16 miles northeast of Lodz, to the Vistula river.

Lodz long has been an objective point of the German army. It has grown in recent years from an insignificant place to one of the most populous cities in the Russian Empire. In 1910 its population numbered 416,603 and with this important place as a base the Germans are expected to make a strong effort to reach Warsaw. Regarding other operations in the East, the Servian war office reports Servian successes on the whole front, with the capture of 2,400 men and four complete batteries.

On the other hand Vienna reports that Austrian troops are gaining ground south of Belgrade.

In Flanders and the North of France Sunday was comparatively quiet. The French war office had nothing to report and no marked successes on either side were recorded in the territory from the previous day.

While the attitude of Roumania is not known officially, a Swiss newspaper asserts that Roumania has decided to enter the war on the side with the allies. The time for doing so, however, has not been determined on.

Forty British and French warships have assembled at some place, the name of which is not given 1 nthe dispatch making this announcement "to force their way through." It is probable the correspondent intended to foreshadow an effort by the allied ships to brea kthrough the Dardanelles but the name evidently came under the eye of the censor.

"The German field marshal, Baron Von der Goltz, who spent many years in Rogg, with the Turkish army, is reported on his way to Constantinople to atach himself to the entourage of the Sultan.

Petrograd says the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh has been damaged by a mine and has returned to Constantinople.

King Nicholas of Montenegro, admits that a third of his army has fallen on the battlefield, but declares the Montenefrins will continue to depend their country.

That French aviators have succeeded in dropping bombs on the German aviation hangars in Freiburg. Im Breisgau, Baden, is acknowledged in an official report received in Washington from the German foreign office.

CONGRESS FACES ACTIVE SESSION

Third Session of Sixth-Third Congress Meets Today

HEAR WILSON TUESDAY

Leaders Rush to Get Supply Measures Out of the Way Before the Christmas Holidays—Cotton Relief Measures Up First.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The third session of the Sixty-third Congress will be convened at noon tomorrow. Members of both Houses flocked to Washington today, ending their holiday recess of six weeks which followed the long session that closed late in October.

Democratic leaders express the none that the legislative programme of appropriation measures can be concluded by March next, when the present Congress automatically will end. Many Republican leaders, however, have said they would urge many important measures and some indicated that supply bills ought to be delayed to such an extent that an extra session next spring and summer would be necessary. Democrats think an extra session unlikely.

Administration leaders await eagerly the message of President Wilson which will be delivered Tuesday for a definite outline of the President's wishes for legislation. Already, however, they have prepared for some things generally expected to be pressed before adjournment. Conservation measures for which there is strong support include the general water power and land leasing bills.

The Philippine Bill.

The bill to pave the way for Philippine independence, which passed the House at the last session, is pending. Another important measure pending in the Senate is the immigration bill with the literacy test for aliens which has passed the House. Some majority leaders have declared that it will be permitted to die with the expiring Congress to be considered when conditions resulting from the European war have assumed more definite shape.

Rural credits legislation is pending. This legislation, however, also is on the list of measures administration leaders are understood not to want to press at this time.

At least seven of the great annual supply measures are to be rushed so as to report them to the House before the Christmas holidays. These are the legislative, executive and judicial, the District of Columbia, fortifications, pensions, military, postoffice and rivers and harbors appropriation bills. Others are to be hastened through to head off the necessity, if possible of an extra session.

Cotton Relief First.

When the House convenes the business before it will be postponed financial relief for the cotton States. Representative Henry, chairman of the rules committee says he is prepared to renew his fight for the $250,000,000 cotton currency bill as a substitute for a currency measure for enlarging the amount of currency that can be based on commercial paper, a measure the Federal Reserve Board and Democratic leaders have agreed is no longer necessary. Chairman Glass of the House currency committee, who pressed this commercial paper bill at the last session, has abandoned his efforts. Indications are that the cotton proposition will be defeated. A conference of Southern Senators and Representatives will be had tomorrow night or Tuesday morning to discuss the subject.

Members already in Washington have informally discussed the military situation, particularly agitation started by Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, for an investigation into the preparedness of the United States for war. Representative Gardner's resolution for investigation has been pending in the House since the latter part of last session. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, plans to introduce a similar resolutions in the Senate.

Administration is Opposed.

Administration leaders and the President are understood to oppose the resolution, arguing that all facts relating to the condition of the army and navy are known or are availble. Appropriations for the army and navy will further open debate on the military situation. Both the House military and naval committees have been at work on supply bills and will continue daily sessions.

In the naval committee, the battleship construction programme is the chief subject. Secretary Daniels will appear before the committee during the week to discuss the building programme, the erection of more torpedo boats and submarines and increased outlays for aviation work.

Rivers and harbors appropriations, greatly curtailed at the last session, will be pressed again but it is not likely, according to party leaders, that new projects will be urged. Another measure which will occupy much of the session's attention will be the ship purchase bill, which it is understood, will be included in the administration programme. Constitutional amendments for suffrage, and national prohibition also are pending.

Rocks Warehouse Bill.

"President Wilson is for my cotton warehouse bill and it will pass the House," declared Representative Lever, of South Carolina, tonight. He added that Chairman Henry, of the rules committee would report tomorrow a rule to consider it, that committee already having agreed to it. The bill is a substitute for a similar measure that passed the Senate and is designed to make the purpose of the legislation more clear.

"I have no doubt," Mr. Lever said, "that the estimates to the various congressional committees show large increases over last year. The increase in the estimates of the Secretary of Agriculture to Congress tomorrow aggregating $20,706,000 constitutes an in-

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UNIDENTIFIED BATTLESHIP AGROUND OFF MARYLAND COAST A MILE FROM SHORE

ITALIAN PREMIER ANSWERS CRITICS

Regrets Unmeasured Language Used in Attacks.

PREPARED, BUT NEUTRAL

Those Who "Expose Vicissitudes Traversed for Military Preparation, Sin Against the Fatherland" is His Declaration.

Rome, Dec. 5. — "Today, whoever has doubted the fitness of our army, whoever has intended to expose the vicissitudes traversed for military preparation, sins against the Fatherland."

Such was Premier Salandra's declaration in the Italian chamber today, prior to the passage of a resolution expressing confidence in the government. This statement was in a speech delivered in answer to deputies' attacks on the government.

On Thursday, at the opening of Parliament, the premier explained the situation of Italy, and advised that she maintain an attitude of loyal but watchful and armed neutrality. He also alluded to what he termed the just aspirations of Italy. Today those who spoke in the chamber, especially members of the extreme left, tried to construe this statement according to their own views.

Some urged more explicit declarations while others attacked the cabinet, asserting that Italy, notwithstanding her heavy military expenses, was obliged to remain neutral, owing to military unpreparedness.

Regrets Unmeasured Language.

Premier Salandra expressed regret at the unmeasured language and declared those who asserted that Thursday's statement was sphynx-like were wrong and that on the other hand it was clear. Indeed, he continued, it had received the approval of most of the people who are not represented by the extreme left, and added:

"What I said was understood by all, and need have no word added. The vote must be given on my declarations, but a further explanation is impossible, because it is against the interests of the State. Regarding military preparation, I can affirm that the Italian army and navy are ready for any event. For this military preparation both we and our predecessors have assumed grave responsibilities, which Parliament will be able to judge later from documents, but not now. Today, who has doubted the fitness of our army, whoever has intended to expose the vicissitudes traversed for military preparation, sins against the Fatherland."

Action Unpatriotic.

The Premier declared the action of some of the orators, "in trying to diminish the importance of our country, is unpatriotic."

He continued: "The country agrees with the government that it will have its interests protected. I can repeat firmly that we are determined to protect them. Further I cannot say. The cabinet knows and feels the terrible responsibility but needs full liberty of action, approved by the chamber, without which no government can rule the country in this moment."

The Premier's speech was constantly interrupted by applause.

Giovanni Giolatti, former premier, approved the government's policy. He said he thought it necessary to emphasize that Italy always had been loyal to treaties, and in this connection added:

"I feel it my duty to recall a precedent showing how correct was the interpretation of the alliance by the government when the conflict began. During the Balkan war, on August 9th, 1912, being absent from Rome, I received this telegram from the late Marquis Di San Guiliano (the late Marquis Di San Gilliano at the time referred to was Minister of Foreign Affairs in the cabinet of which Signor Giolotti was Premier):

Italy Could Not Join.

"'Austria has communicated to us and Germany that it has been her intention to act against Servia, defining such action as defensive, and hoping for an application of a casus foederis by the Triple Alliance, which I consider inapplicable. I am trying to agree with Germany concerning efforts to prevent Austrian action, but it may be necessary to say clearly that we do not think there exists a casus feoderis. Please send a telegram saying whether you approve.'

"I answered Marquis Di San Guiliano thus:

"'If Austria goes against Servia, a casus foederis evidently does not exist. It is an action she accomplished in her own account. It is not defensive, because nobody thinks of attacking her. It is necessary to declare this to Austria in the most formal manner, hoping that Germany will act to dissuade Austria from a very dangerous adventure.'

"This was done, and our interpretation of the treaty was accepted by our allies, our friendly relations not being in the least disturbed. Thus the declaration of neutrality made at the beginning of this conflict is, according to spirit and letter of the treaties. I recall this incident, wishing to demonstrate the complete loyalty of Italy before the eyes of Europe."

The former Premier was interrupted by great applause. He concluded by

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Revenue Cutter Speeding To Assistance of Unknown Man-O'-War.

DENSE FOGS AND HIGH SEAS PREVENT SUCCOR

Life Savers Unable to Aid Distressed Vessel

Navy Yard Authorities at Norfolk Cannot Understand Why Vessel Does Not Use Her Wireless—No American Vessel There

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 6.—The revenue cutter Itasca is speeding towards North Beach, Md., to assist an unknown vessel, said to be a man-of-war in distress. The Itasca was proceeding to the assistance of an unknown schooner reported ashore on the North Carolina coast when she received orders to go to North Beach. She was thirty miles outside the capes.

The Norfolk navy yards this afternoon received a message from a life saving station on the Maryland coast stating that an unknown vessel, apparently a man-of-war, was in distress six miles off North Beach. There was a dense fog and high seas.

Naval officials here do not believe the vessel is an American warship. They cannot account for the failure of the vessel to use her wireless to summon assistance.

The Itasca is not expected to reach the scene before tomorrow morning.

ONE MILE FROM SHORE

Dense Fogs and Heavy Seas Prevent Aid Being Given

Ocean City, Md., Dec. 6.—An unidentified warship is reported aground one mile off shore, three miles north of North Beach life saving station and six miles south of Ocean City.

A high sea and Northest gale prevent aid being rendered. Assistance has been asked from the Navy yards at Norfolk.

Observers nearest the vessel say she has four funnels and that they can see her fighting tops.

Owing to thick weather the life saving service is unable to get in communication with the vessel.

ITASCA TO THE RESCUE

Ordered From Hampton Roads at Full Speed—Gets There Today

Washington, Dec. 6.—The revenue cutter, Itasca was ordered from Hampton Roads tonight to aid the war vessel reported aground near Ocean City, Md., No official report of the grounding had reached the Navy Department.

Fears that the war vessel reported aground near Ocean City, Md., might be either the destroyer Terry or Perkins, bound from Newport, R. I., to Charleston, S. C., were dissipated tonight by advices to the navy department from Norfolk reporting the safe arrival of both those vessels at that port.

SCHOONER ASHORE

Six Master, Running Light for Norfolk, Is Aground

Yoneyard Haven, Mass., Dec. —The six masted schooner Alice M. Lawrence, bound light from Portland for Norfolk, was ashore tonight on Tuckernuck shoal in Nantucket sound and leaking badly. Her captain and crew remained on board. The schooner struck Friday night and is nearly filled with water.

A wrecking tug is alongside the schooner and will try to save her when the weather permits. Tonight the wind was blowing 60 miles an hour and the seas were battering the vessel heavily.

ANOTHER LIGHTSHIP DRIFTS

Number 85 on Nantucket Shoals Breaks Aloose in Storm

Newport, R. I., Dec. 6.—Lightship No. 85 on Nantucket shoals, went adrift today when her anchor chains parted in a northeast gale, and tonight she was steaming slowly toward Vineyard sound. The revenue cutter Acushnet has started to her assistance.

Radio stations and steamers were kept informed of the vessels positon by messages sent at frequent intervals by her wireless operators. This is the first time in four years a storm has driven the lightship off her station.

DAMAGE IN NEW JERSEY

Northeaster Sweeps Coast With Destructive Wind.

Seabright, N. J., Dec. 6.—The Northeaster which raged last night and today caused extensive damage along the waterfront of this resort.

The storm destroyed scores of bulkheads, undermined many small buildings, cut away sections of improved land close to the shore and caused two washouts on the Central railroad of New Jersey, tying up traffic.

Considerable damage was caused at Highland Beach and neighboring resorts.

ATLANTIC CITY INJURED

Storm and High Tide Do Damage at Great Resort.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—High tides and wind sweeping the Atlantic coast since yesterday have caused heavy damage at Atlantic City, and other points along the coast according to reports received here tonight. Many bulkheads have been washed away and several cottages destroyed.

THE WORLD OF SPORTS

ED. KONETCHY, PIRATE FIRST BASEMAN LEAD NATIONAL LEAGUE AT FIELDING

Jake Daugert, Leading Batsman Holds Second Place

PIRATES BEST FIELDERS

Pirate Crew Had Leader at Six of Nine Positions, and Had a Club Fielding Average of .966 For Season.

New York, Dec. 6.—Ed Konetchy, first baseman of the Pittsburgh Pirates, lead the National League at fielding for the season of 1914, according to the official averages made public by Secretary Heydler here today. Big Ed was only absent from four games of the 158 contests pulled off by the Pirates, and out of 1,677 chances taken, is credited with 1,576 putouts, 93 assists and eight errors, for a percentage of .995. Lee Magee, of St. Louis, also a first baseman, had only one error out of 441 chances accepted, but only saw service in 39 games during the season. His percentage is .998.

Jake Daubert, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, leading batter of the parent organization, also comes in for his share of fielding honors, having done duty in 126 games, accepted 1,153 chances, with 1,097 putouts, 48 assists and eight errors, for an average of 993, John Miller, St. Louis, in 91 games, having the same percentage.

Taking the different positions, Johnny Evers, of the Boston Braves, leads the second basemen of the league, having played in 139 games, accepted 715 chances, executed 301 putouts and 397 assists, perpetrated 17 misplays for a standing of .976. Miller Huggins, of St. Louis, stands second, with 784 chances accepted, 328 putouts, 428 assists, and 28 errors, for an average of .964, being followed by Cutshaw, Brooklyn, .959; Doyle, New York, .958; Sweeney, Chicago, .954, and Viox, Pittsburgh, .939.

The third station men are led by McCarthy, of the Pirates, who only played in 36 games, for an average of .975. Mowrey, also of the Pirate crew, in 78 games shows an average of .960 out of 214 chances accepted, and Getz, of Brooklyn, comes third, with 55 games, 214 chances, and a standing of .949. Hans Lobert, of the Phillies, is the leading man who saw service in the bigger part of the season, having officiated in 133 games with a standing for the season of .943.

Wagner, of the Pirates, lends all shortstops, having played in 132 games, accepted 785 chances, for a percentage of .950, Miller, of St. Louis, out of 60 games played in, showing up with .944; Fisher, of the Cubs, with 15 games played, standing third with .943; Herzog, manager of the Reds, having played in 137 games for a percentage of .939, and "Rabbit" Maranville, of the Braves, coming next, having missed enlistment in only two of Boston's 158 games, accepted 1,046 chances, engineered 407 putouts and 574 assists with 52 errors, for a standing of .938, followed by Sherwood Magee, of the Phils, with .934, and Zinn Beck, of St. Louis, next with .931.

Of the outfielders, two National Leaguers closed business with a clean slate, these being Murray of the Giants, who served in 49 games, and accepted 58 chances without a misplay, and Hummel, of Brooklyn, who in 19 games, receptioned 32 opportunities in errorless style. Wilson, of St. Louis, is the leading regular service man, having played in 154 games, accepted 352 chances, made 312 putouts, 34 assists and 6 errors, with a standing of .983, followed by Gilbert, of the Braves, with .979 out of 60 days' work; Fred Snodgrass, of the Giants, with .977 out of 96 games, and Cruise, of St. Louis, with .976 in 81 games.

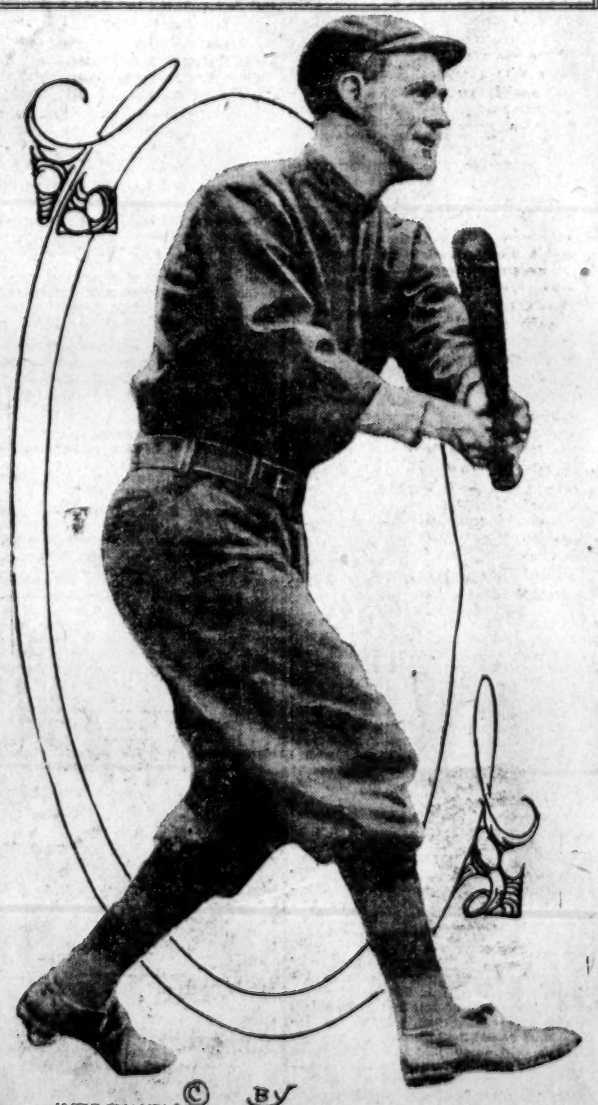
Frank Kafora, a Pirate catcher, leads with a clean slate, having officiated behind the plate in 17 games, and handled 32 errorless chances. Bert Whaling, of the Braves, having played in 59 games, and taken 370 chances for an average of .981 is the real leader, while Frank Snyder, St. Louis Backstop, holding it down in 98 games, shows a total of 561 chances accepted and an average of .978, this mark being tied with Bill Killifer, of the Phillies, and Roger Bresnahan, of the Cubs. George Gibson, of the Pirates, saw the thick of 101 battles, and accepted 497 chances for a standing of .974, while Tom Clarke, of the Reds, was in 106 games, and handled 596 chances for .973. Big Chief Meyers, of the Giants, handled the position in more games than any other catcher, being engaged in 126 affrays, and maintaining an average of .976.

Seven pitchers, who saw service in 15 or more games kept their slate clean throughout the season, the procession being led by Adams of the Pirates, who twirled 40 engagements and has a fielding average that is perfect, Conzelman, another Pirate pitcher, with 33 games, O'Toole, of the Giants, with 29 games, Nap Rucker, of Brooklyn, 16 games; Smith, of Chicago, 16 games; Baumgardner, of Philadelphia, 15 games, and Mattison, Phillies, 15 games. Bob Harmon, of Pittsburgh, officiated in 37 contests, and shows a standing of .985, while Crutcher, of the Braves, with 33 games, has an average of .981 at the fielding stunt, Griner, of St. Louis, and Robinson, of St. Louis, tieing for next position with .979. Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Phillies, comes next with .976 in 46 contests, McQuillen, of Pittsburgh, is just one point below Alexander the Great, having done duty in 45 games for a standing of .975, and Slim Sallee, of St. Louis, with 46 games, having a standing of 974, tied with Jimmy Lavender, with 37 games and a standing of the same, Dick Rudolph, of the Braves, twirling 46 contests, showing up with .973.

The Pirates led at club fielding, having the leading fielder on six of the nine positions. The Pirate club accepted a total of 6,469 chances, executed 4,211 putouts, 2,035 assists and had a total of errors of 223 for the season, average of .966. St. Louis came second with an average of .964, Boston third with .963, New York fourth with .961, Brooklyn fifth with .961, Cincinnati sixth with .952, Chicago seventh with .951, and the Phillies bringing up the rear with .950.

Parcel Post Sale, Ladies' Aid Society, at St. Andrew's Memorial Hall tomorrow night, 8:30.—advertisement.

LEADS SECOND BASEMEN AT FIELDING



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WM. DOAK, OF ST. LOUIS HELD SCORES LOWEST

Leads All National Twirlers In This Respect

Rudolph and Alexander Tie for Number Won, the Latter Also Holding Strike-out Record for 1914 Season.

William L. Doak, of St. Louis, wound up the 1914 season with the honor of having been worked for less earned runs than any other twirler in the National League, according to official records issued yesterday by Secretary Heydler in New York. Doak officiated in a total of 36 games, completing the daily task on 16 different dates. He is credited with winning 19 games and losing 6, and seven of his victories were shutouts. A total of 1,016 batsmen faced the St. Louis twirler, but solved him for only 193 base hits. He issued transportation to 87 batsmen, while 118 feel victim to his curves. The total number of runs chalked against him was 79, of which 49 were earned, giving him an average of holding the opponent to an average of 1.72 runs per nine-inning game.

Big Bill James, of the Boston Braves, comes next in the tabulation, having twirled in 46 games, won 26 and lost 7. He is credited with a total of 156 strike outs for the season, and held the opponents to an average of 1.90 runs per game.

Next in order follow Pfeffer, Brooklyn, 1.97 per game; Vaughn, Chicago, 2.06; Sallee, St. Louis, 2.11; Cooper, Pittsburgh, 2.12; Zabel, Chicago, 2.18; Rudolph, Boston, 2.36; Perritt, St. Louis, 2.36; Alexander, Philadelphia, 2.38; Tesreau, New York, 2.38; Strand, Boston, 2.45; Griner, St. Louis, 2.51; Harmon, Pittsburgh, 2.53; Cheney, Chicago, 2.55; Douglass, Cincinnati, 2.56; Mayer, Philadelphia, 2.58; Adams, Pittsburgh, 2.58; Tincup, Philadelphia, 2.61, and Ames, Cincinnati, 2.64.

Christy Mathewson, of the Giants, issued an average of three runs to each nine-inning game over which he presided, there being 29 such affairs in his season's work. Marquard gave 3.06 earned runs per game, and Demaree 3.09 for each contest. The largest number of earned runs per game are charged to Cochran, of the Braves, who twirled in 15 contests and allowed an average of 4.80 runs per complete contest.

Dick Rudolph, of the Braves, and Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Phillies, tied for honors for the largest number of games won for their respective clubs, with 27 victories each. Next comes another tie between Bill James, of the Braves, and Jeff Tesreau, of the Giants, with 26 contests each to their credit. Rudolph and Alexander also tied for shutout game honors, with a half dozen such affairs each to their credit. Tesreau twirled eight shutout victories, the highest, number during the season by any twirler, Doak, of St. Louis, following with seven, and Alexander with an even half dozen.

Lemuel Ames, of the Cincinnati Reds is charged with losing more games for his team than any other twirler, with 23 defeats chalked up against him, with lowed by Rube Marquard, of the Giants, with 22, mayer, of the Phillies, win 19, and Cheney, Douglass and Reulbach with 18 each. Douglass twirled more innings than any other pitcher, with 339 for the season, Rudolph following with 336, and James with 332 innings for the season.

Grover Alexander was the Strike-out King of the season's play, with 214 for the season, his nearest rival being Tesreau of the Giants with 189 and Jim Vaughn of Chicago with 165, followed by James, of the Braves with 156 for the season.

The taubuated record of Christy Mathewson for the season is as follows: Number games twirled in, 41; number complete games, 29; number innings pitched, 312; games won, 24; games lost, 13; shutouts 5; batsmen facing pitcher, 1,351; base hits, 314; hit batsmen, 2; bases on balls, 23; strike outs, 80; wild pitches, 7; total runs, 133; runs earned off pitcher, 104; average earned runs per nine-inning game, 3.00.

MISSING MAN LOCATED

Mr. Burkhead, Who Left Wilmington, Heard From in Savannah.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, Dec. 6.—Relatives here have received from a brother of E. Gayle Burkhead, who is located in St. Louis, a telegram stating that Mr. Burkhead, who so mysteriously disappeared out of Wilmington on last Monday morning and whose whereabouts remained unknown up until the receipt of the message yesterday, had wired him from Savannah, Ga., and the message from the brother in St. Louis brought assurance of his safety. His destination, or reasons for leaving without imparting to even his most intimate friends or relatives here any information as to his motive in leaving Wilmington, remain unknown. One theory here is that young Burkhead has gone to Campbell, Fla., to enter the mercantile business. He was employed there several years ago with Mr. J. A. Maultsby, a native Whitevillian, and it is thought altogether probable that he has gone back to his "first love."

"A NEW STAR EACH DAY" —FEDERALS' PREDICTION

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6.—"There will be a star jump from organized baseball to the Federals every day for at least two weeks." This is the gist of a statement made by Phil Ball, the financial backbone of the St. Louis Federals, today.

"Plank," continued Ball, "was the first star to jump. Next day it was Johnson. Marquard followed and yesterday it was Bender. This will continue each day for at least two weeks."

Ball first made his "star a day" statement the day that Plank jumped. He is the biggest money man in the St. Louis organization, and events so far have borne out every advance statement made by the St. Louis magnate.

BRAVES' ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OF STICKING

Were Most Regular Workers In National League

Walter Maranville Worked in More Games Than any Other National Leaguer—Johnny Evers Record for Season

Walter Maranville, the diminutive demon shortstop of the Boston Braves eclipsed all records for continuity of service during the 1914 season, by officiating in the shortfield in 156 of the 158 games staged by Stallings' tribe of World Champions. The reason is plain, and foxey Stallings played his cards well, for among all National League shortstops working during the season of 1914, "Rabbit" stood fourth in fielding ability, and also hit the bill at opportune moments when most needed.

Boston showed a club of "stickers" throughout the season, which accounts, probably, for the niche in the baseball hall of fame which they occupy today. Charlie Schmidt, their first baseman, saw services in 139 games during the season. "Dutchy", too, stood well up on the fielding end, standing fifth among initial cushion tenders of the parent organization.

Johnny Evers, who led all second stationmen at fielding during the season, exposed his rugged countenance on the battleline on 139 different dates during the season, leading the League at fielding around second by a matter of twelve points. Johny gave way to George Whitted late in the season, in order that this promising piece of world series timber might be smoothed off.

Johnny Smith, the unlucky Brave third baseman who broke his leg just a few days before the world series, officiated in probably every game played up to the time of his accident, being credited with appearance in 150 games during the season, probably eight games having been played after his fateful accident.

Among the Brave outfielders, the Connolly-Mann-Moran trio held their own pretty regularly also. Connolly engineered outfield doing in 118 games, Mann was in the thick of 123 battles and Morgan saw service in 148 battles of the Braves during the season.

"Hank" Gowdy, the hero of the world series, was also a regular reporter for duty behind the bat, having done duty in 115 games, being excelled only by Big Chief Meyers of the Giants who donned the mask on 126 different days during the season. This is a remarkable record for a catcher.

"Big Bill" James was a Brave twirler who had sticking qualities, having engineered the ball delivery in forty-six games during the season. "Dick" Rudolph came second among Brave pitchers, with forty-two games twirled and George Tyler executed various and sundry curves around batsmen's heads on 36 different occasions, these three twirlers having officiated in a total of 126 of the Braves' games during the season. Only two twirlers in the league pitched in more games than James, these being Larry Cheney, of Chicago, with 51 games, and Ames, of Cincinnati, with 47 games to his credit or discredit.

This dope on the 'stick-to-it-iveness" of the Braves, furnishes room for some interesting figuring on the cause of the Boston tribe's grand march during the last weeks of the season, and during that memoriable world series, and a possible solution to the enigma.

EAT TONS OF GRASSHOPPERS

Filipinos Keep Down Insect Plague by Driving Them Into Tanks.

(Manhattan, Kan., Dispatch.)

"Dried grasshoppers are used as food in the Philippine Islands," said Henry Jackson Waters, president of the college, in a talk before the Agricultural Society, in the Kansas State Agricultural College. "Three thousand tons of grasshoppers were marketed in Manila in a year. Some good and tempting dishes are prepared from them.

"There is a grasshopper plague every ten years in the Philippines," says President Waters, "and the problem of combating the grasshoppers in a warm climate like the Philippines is more difficult than in countries where cold weather serves as a check.

"There are many acres of unsettled country, which serve as breeding places for the grasshoppers. The method used in capturing the grasshoppers is to organize a drive. A large shallow tank is constructed, which has wings of galvanized iron. The tank is filled with kerosene. The natives then start the drive three or four miles away, and close in gradually, driving the grasshoppers before then into the tank. The Grasshoppers are then dried, and sent to market."

SEASON'S MOST STEADY WORKER

"RABBIT" MARANVILLE.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED IN WILSON

Progressive County Determined to Improve Conditions.

Mass Meeting Held in Courthouse at Wilson Saturday, When League Organized—Hard Work of Citizens Meets Success.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, Dec. 6.—Wilson county is determined to improve local conditions and bring about progressive measures if a thorough organization can do it. Saturday a mass meeting of Wilson county people was held in the court house and the room was well filled.

This meeting was the final gathering of three days of Community Betterment work and followed a gathering of a dozen interested men and women who met several weeks ago and formulated plans for betterment work in the county. Prior to the meeting Saturday letters were sent to 200 leading people in the county, urging them to be present at the mass meeting and another letter was sent to every school teacher asking for a statement of local conditions in the school district, each teacher being asked to name briefly five needs in that district.

Rev. T. W. Chambliss, as chairman of the committee, opened the mass meeting Saturday with a statement of the reasons for the call, and the purpose in the mind of the promoters of the movement. Temporary officers were chosen and the reports from the school districts were read. It was striking to notice that the usual report was the need of drinking water in the country districts, although there were a number of other important matters brought out in the reports.

Following a discussion of the conditions, Mr. Chambliss proposed a county organization, with auxiliary organizations in every school district. The organizations to have six distinct divisions or work: Social life; Educational life; Moral life; Farm progress; Health betterment; Home improvement, including Woman's work. The organization of the Community League of Wilson county followed, with the adoption of a constitution and the election of officers. Next Saturday the Executive committee will meet and map out a plan of work, proposing to organize the entire county and promote direct results during the year.

The officers of the County League are: President, Dr. S. H. Crocker, Stantonsburg; Vice-Presidents, one from each school district, to be named later; Secretary, W. J. Sloan; Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Finch. Executive Committee: W. G. Coleraine, J. S. Edwards, C. O. Armstrong, C. C. Hayworth, T. W. Chambliss, Mrs. W. A. Lucas, Mrs. M. G. McNair.

The Hague, Netherlands, via London, Dec. 6.—Since August 15th, according to an official report, the German military service and life insurance company has paid out $3,750,000. The amount paid from October 15th to November 11th was $1,242,250. On November 26th, disbursements amounted to $110,250. Daily payments last week averaged $75,000.

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MIDNIGHT ALARM

By T. L. MASSON.

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"A great thing has happened!"

Mr. and Mrs. Caterby lived in a small but very select suburban community.

"You know your great fear of burglars," continued Caterbury. "Well——"

"You mean your great fear."

"Now, my dear, anyone that will not even let me go out and spend the evening away from home——"

"That may not be because I fear burglars." With a smile Mrs. Caterby tossed her head.

"Well, never mind. We won't split hairs. Suffice it to say that from this time forth we need have no more concern. Everything has been arranged."

"What do you mean?"

"Simply this: We have an elegant watchman. I have just engaged him. He attends to only about fifteen of us, comes around once an hour through the night, and whistles. Only three dollars a month for immunity from all fear. Think of it." Mrs. Caterby reflected.

"You say he whistles once an hour through the night. Is'nt that going to keep us awake?"

"Well, I should say not. You don't wake up every time the clock strikes, do you? Think of the sense of security! A guardian angel, in the shape of a strong, sturdy watchman, always hovering around. See! He has given me a whistle."

Caterby pulled out a long lanyard, with an immense boatswain's whistle on the end.

"All we have to do is to whistle to him out of the window if we want him, and he is here in a jiffy. All our troubles are over. You wait and see."

That night Caterby went to bed with a satisfied smile which his wife didn't share.

"We are protected by insurance," she said. "Besides, I don't believe it will make any difference. If a burglar wants to get in, he will. Besides, they never come around after eight o'clock, on account of the law against housebreaking. You notice all the thefts in the neighborhood have taken place while the people were eating dinner. That means only petty larceny."

"You don't understand. Don't you see that we are paying this man for a sweet, peaceful sleep night after night? Why, to-night, for the first time in years, I shall sleep the sleep of the just. Pleasant dreams." They slept.

Suddenly, through the darkness of the night, came a shrill sound. Caterby sat up in bed.

"There he is! True to his trust."

"I hear him," murmured Mrs. Caterby. "What time is it?"

"Midnight." They slept again.

"Footsteps!" Caterby muttered, as he dozed. "Ah, yes. Faithful watchman!"

His ear was greeted by a sharp whistle. Then another. He sprang to the window.

"That you, my dear man?"

"Yes, sir. I find that the window of the dining-room is unlocked. Better step down and catch it."

Caterby, arrayed in a flannel robe, crept downstairs in his bare feet—for he couldn't find his slippers—and made the necessary adjustment. He was back again in a moment, shivering slightly.

"Great thing, isn't it?" he chattered.

"Only shows how careless we have been. He understands his business all right."

"He's trying to make an impression," muttered Mrs. Caterby. "O dear, I'm so tired!"

Every hour during the night Caterby heard that whistle. In the morning he bounded out of bed, assuming a vigor he did not feel.

"Fine thing, that watchman!" he exclaimed. "Think of how fearful we have been for years. Aren't you going to get up?"

"No. I'm going to sleep until noon. I am utterly worn out."

"Well, you'll get used to it in a night or so, and then you'll bless me."

The next night—this time at midnight—the warning whistle rang out more fiercely than ever. "Then, on top of it, the door-bell rang.

Caterby bounded downstairs. He opened the door cautiously.

"It's only me, sir. I find your cellar-door is open. It can only be closed from the inside."

"Curse that cook!" exclaimed Caterby. "Of course you did right." He ran down the cold stairs along the concrete cellar-floor and fixed the door, then hurried back to bed.

Every night there was a new development.

"He's a little bit too ambitious, that's all," said Caterby at the end of the week. "Think I will go away for a few days and get some rest. You'll be perfectly secure, you know——"

"You'll do nothing of the sort!" cried his nervous wife, who was reduced to a physical wreck. "You'll get rid of him at once."

"But my dear girl, I can't! You see, he has been engaged by twenty people. And even if we didn't pay him, he'd come around all the same. His reputation is at stake. We can't get rid of him."

Mrs. Caterby reflected.

"The only thing we can do," she said, "is to have the house burglarized. That will make him ashamed and will kill him."

Caterby looked at her worn face.

"It's life or death!" he muttered. "We must get rid of that watchman, at any rate."

The next day he inserted the following advertisement:

WANTED—A professional burglar to do a quiet and effective job. Suburban villa. No chance of getting caught. Co-operation of parties in house. Big pay and no questions asked.

At four o'clock in the afternoon a quiet looking man appeared in Caterby's office, and the arrangements were made for that evening.

"I tell you," said Caterby, gleefully coming home and informing his wife, "you can get anything you want in these days. It's going to cost me a hundred dollars, but we'll fix that watchman all right. He won't be able to hold up his head. To-night at one. I am to give the signal when he moves on down the square, and then I am to let my man in." At one the whistle sounded as usual. Caterby saw the dark form of the watchman move off down the street. Then he motioned to a figure behind the stable. In a moment the burglar had been let in. By working hard they had upset the furniture and filled a gunnybag with plated silver, which the burglar was to deliver at the office the next day and get a hundred dollars.

In thirty minutes the plan had been carried out. The burglar disappeared. Then Caterby began whistling at the top of his whistle. In a moment there was a sound of hurrying steps. The watchman dashed up.

"You're a nice watchman!" shouted Caterby. "Here you have allowed my house to be entered, and look what's gone. All my best silver! I guess it won't be any use for you to watch the house any more."

The watchman, standing in the doorway of the dining-room, gazed dejectedly at the burnt matches on the floor and the upset chairs and open sideboards.

"Sir!" he muttered. "Me heart is broke."

The next evening Caterby came home with a jubilant air.

"Well, my dear," he said, "prepare for a good night's rest. Everybody knows now what's happened to us, and I guess that's the last we will see of that watchman. All the boys have hailed me as their savior. He'll never show his face around here, you can gamble on that. Let's go to bed early and make up for lost time."

Once more they slept. And then—— Caterby sat up in bed. Could it be possible? A succession of sharp, shrill whistles rent the air—a double sound.

"Who's there?" Caterby demanded.

"It's me sir," said a familiar voice.

"You! I never expected to see you again. Who's that with you?"

The tall form of the watchman straightened in the night air. "Never fear, sir," he called up. "Me reputation's at stake. Ol've got a frind to help me, and now one of us will be around every half-hour instead of every hour as before. No extra charge, sir. We're bound to show you we can do it, sir. Good-night, sir, and pleasant dreams to ye!"

Apropos of an Absent One

Mamma, has the man in the moon got a wife?

I don't know, dear; but if he has she always knows where he is at night!

An Act of Providence

©

It was during that hour on Sunday afternoon when married people exchange confidences. Ballington sat down and faced his wife.

"I hate to speak of a disagreeable subject," he said, "but the fact is that I must get this thing off my mind; so listen attentively to my tale of woe. For some time I have been associating with a circle of friends for whom I have no particular use, and I am wondering whether it is worth while for me to play the hypocrite any longer?"

"What do you mean?" asked Mrs. Ballington with an ascending inflection.

"Now don't get excited. It's perfectly simple. I don't like your friends. Nothing against them, you understand. I don't wish to imply that I think myself superior. I simply don't care for them; but I have to appear as if I did in order to please you. I hate to be a hypocrite. They think I like them; they think me a sincere friend; whereas I am nothing of the sort."

"I am nice to your friends—why shouldn't you be nice to mine?"

"For this reason: I never obtrude my friends upon you. Occasionally, it is true, I ask one to dinner, but that involves no particular tax upon your sincerity. On the other hand, I am obliged to mingle with your friends all the time, and to do various things that I don't approve of, or at least wouldn't do, if I had my own way."

"But you shouldn't be so selfish as that."

"No. That's just what troubles me. I realize that I am married to an exceptionally nice woman, and that I ought to consider her. I don't want to be a boor. Practically I am leading a false life; and I have actually built up a large circle of dummy friends, on your account, whom I don't care for—and they think I do."

"But can't you be decent to people?"

"I am, my dear girl, but they don't realize that I am nice to them for your sake—they think I am nice to them for their own."

"How do you know that they don't secretly despise you, and are playing the part of your friends just for my sake?"

"O! Would that were true! But their utterances are so sincere that I am afraid they mean what they say," Mrs. Ballington frowned.

"Of all egotists!" she cried.

"Not at all. My position is an humble one. I realize my deficiencies. At the same time, I am determined to be true to myself."

"You mean——?"

"That I shall no longer meet them unless it is absolutely necessary, and that when I do I shall treat them exactly as I feel. For example, the Smiths have asked us to dinner next week. I am not going. I——"

At this instant the door leading to the rear hall burst open suddenly and a cloud of smoke filled the room. Ballington sprang up and rushed into the hall.

"The house is on fire!" he shrieked. "Quick! The fire-alarm!"

Already flames were bursting from the kitchen. In an instant all was pandemonium. Ballington rushed to the street corner and sounded the alarm; then he rushed back to fight the flames. The bell sounded. People on the street were running. Smith, who lived two doors away, bounded in through the window and, taking off his coat, began to beat out a curtain. Robinson, who lived across the street, was close on his heels with a fire extinguisher from his own house.

The local fire-engine came clattering down the street. Pulling it were a cohort of friends,—Radway, Pratt, Van Elder, and Willoughby.

In fifteen minutes a noble army was fighting for Ballington's property. In fifteen minutes more, thanks to their herculean efforts, the fire was put out. Ballington, breathless with his struggle, turned to the assembly as they stood around adjusting themselves. His eyes were full tears.

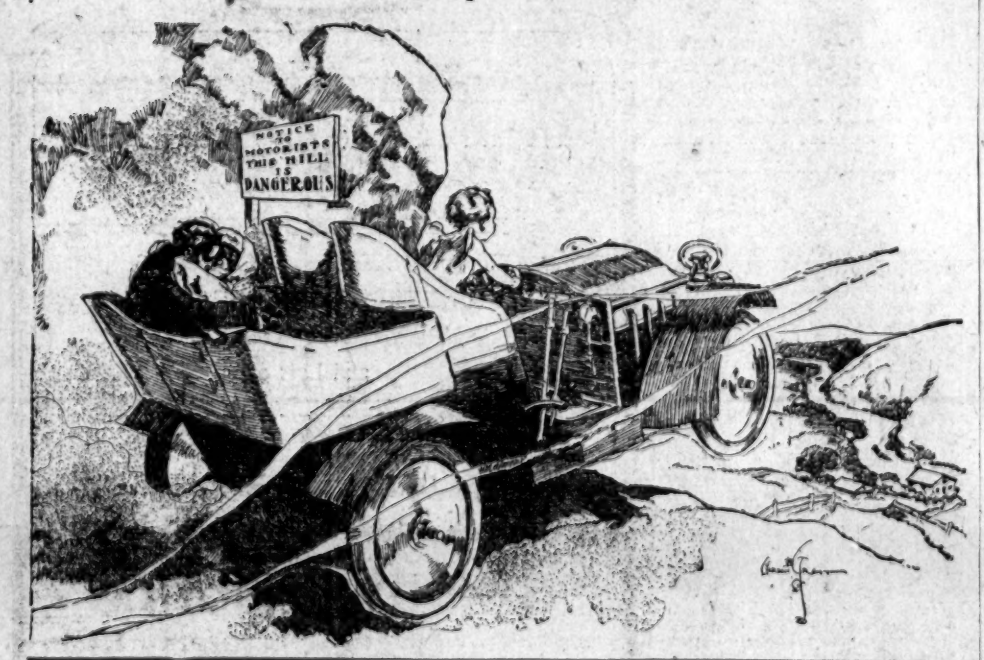
"Boys," he whispered tremblingly, "I shall never forget this day and what you have done! My friends forever!"

THE PUZZLE

If life were only all a joke,
Or always had a solemn ring,
It would be easy for us folk
To get an angle on the thing;
But as it is we weep and sigh
When mirth would be a fitter tone,
Or pitch our laughter loud and high
When what we ought to do is groan.

If life were one unending jest,
If life were one unhappy wail,
Vanished indeed were all its zest,
It would be dreary, flat, and stale;
But it is sort of half-and-half
(Which half is which we never know)
Nor whether we should cry or laugh—
And that is why we love it so.

When Cupid is Chauffeur



The Afreet in Luck

ISAAC Gluckstein had been a dealer in curiosities for so many years that he was not surprised one day on polishing an antique ring to find that he had come into possession of a veritable Solomon's signet, and that the mystic action of his chamois skin had evoked an Afreet, who reminded him strongly of the Arabian Nights. The Afreet was of truculent proportions, but his demeanor was submissive.

"Hello!" exclaimed the curiosity dealer. "What is your special line? Do you point out hidden treasure, grant wishes or obey general orders?"

"I have power to grant three wishes," replied the Afreet, bowing low.

"Sempronia!" called Mr. Gluckstein to his wife, "step here a moment . . . Don't be alarmed; this is only a Geni, who has power to grant three wishes; so put on your thinking cap."

The dealer turned to the Afreet: "Mrs. Gluckstein and I will not detain you any longer than we can help, nor set you any very difficult task; we are quiet people, and not very imaginative."

"I feared, my lord," replied the Afreet, "that I should find the moderns hard taskmasters. I have been off duty for several centuries. In the old days mankind had but three desires—youth, treasure, woman's love. Ah, the simplicity of that command! But as civilization advanced wants multiplied, desires refined, and doubt increased as to the elements of happiness. I am prepared to learn that the present age has developed ideas which will give me no end of trouble."

"Well, my dear," said Mr. Gluckstein to his wife, "we have no difficult problem to put him to work on, have we?"

"Why, I should like—that is, we can't find out why the kitchen chimney smokes."

"I was wrong," said the dealer to the Afreet. "My wife suggests at once the most difficult question in nature. But never mind the kitchen chimney, Sempronia; let us canvass our desires. In the first place, do we want a fortune? Would you like me to be a millionaire?"

Mrs. Gluckstein thought a moment. "Millionaires aren't respected," she said finally. "And then, Isaac, think of the trouble of moving."

"I quite agree with you," said her husband. "Well, then, what do you say to youth and love?"

"We were never so comfortable when we were in love as we are now, Isaac."

"Very true," assented Mr. Gluckstein. "And for politics, for office, distinction, public position, I have no ambition. We have always looked carefully after our health. Really," he mused, "it looks as if we had no wish ungratified."

"Wonderful!" murmured the Afreet, and he turned to Mrs. Gluckstein: "Shall I not bring diamonds for my mistress?"

Mrs. Gluckstein laughed, and the drops sparkled in her ears. "We deal in them," she said.

"It is unheard of!" cried the Afreet, straightening his enormous bulk and knocking over a pile of sandalwood boxes. "The age fills me with astonishment. I have slept well these unnumbered years; I shall sleep on reassured."

"Hold on!" said Mr. Gluckstein. "Although, as a matter of business, I may think it prudent not to indulge in sentimental or fantastic wishes, as a business man I must certainly make some good use of this unexpected opportunity. I shall ask one thing of you."

"And that?" said the Afreet, taken aback.

"It will give you no trouble at all," said Mr. Gluckstein. "Just go and stand in front of the store for a sign. It will be a capital advertisement."

Stung

THE Hawkinses had just sat down to the evening meal, tired of waiting for Myrtle, their eldest daughter, who was the main attraction at the ribbon counter of a certain department store, when they heard the door slam.

"There she is at last, the poor dear," said Mrs. Hawkins, as Myrtle, her eyes flashing fire, swept into the room.

"It's a outrage," began Myrtle, carefully placing her chewing-gum beneath her chair and reaching for the charlotte russe; "somethin' oughta be done t' these trolley-car conductors. The fresh ginks think they can do anything an' git away with it. If I had my way I'd——"

"Whasa matter na-ow?" asked Johnny Hawkins, Myrtle's little brother, with his mouth full of potatoes.

"Shut up, you!" said Myrtle, elegantly. "Say, maw, it's a wonder yu wouldn't keep that kid quiet an' give somebody else a chanct t' talk."

"If you say another word you leave this table an' go to bed without a bite to eat," said Mrs. Hawkins to Johnny. The latter subsided, and Myrtle resumed:

"As I wuz sayin', I got on the car at Fourth Street, an' I hadn't rode two blocks 'fore the conductor—a freaklish-lookin' guy with a Adam's apple th' size of a orange right in the middle of his throat—comes up an' says, freshlike, 'FARE, please!' 'Yu don't needa be in uh hurry,' I sez, an' with that I reaches into me portmoney——"

"Yer what?" asked Mr. Hawkins.

"I wisht yu wouldn't interrupt, pa," said Myrtle peevishly. "Can't yu never let nobody finish nothin'?" Receiving no reply, she decided he could or could not, as the case might be, and continued:

"Anyhow I hands him a dollar-bill, not havin' anything smaller. 'Is that all yu got?' sez he. 'What's it yure business whether it is or not?' sez I. 'You wouldn't have that much if you give the company a square deal.' That kinda floored 'im. I thought it would. He just shut right up. Then he fishes through his pockets an' sez: 'I ain't got no change fer this now. Give it t' yu later.' 'Mind yu do,' sez I, an' he walked back to the platform.

"Well, it wuz gettin' right near ahr street an' he hadn't said nothin' about change, so I up an' ast him fer it. 'Yu didn't gimme no dollar,' he tries to tell me. 'Yu're another,' I sez, quick; 'don't yu try t' pull nothin' like that on me or I'll give yu a slap in th' face.' Then we had it hot an' heavy fer ten minutes. He said he didn't get no dollar from me, an' I expostulated——"

"Yu what?" asked Mr. Hawkins.

"Aw, never mind, paw," said Myrtle soothingly.

"Fin'lly, he points out a woman up in th' front o' th' car, and sez: 'I give that woman change fer uh dollah. I thought it was her gimme it.' Uh course, I felt relieved. 'Well, go git it,' I sez to 'im, an' would yu b'lieve it, he wouldn't ast that woman fer that change! 'Go git it yerself,' he sez. We scraped about it all the way to ahr street, an' at last I got mad an' I sez: 'Ill go git that change meself.'

"So I walks up to the woman and sez: 'Madam, th' conductor give you my change fer a dollar be mistake. I'll take it, thank yu!' 'Not much, yu won't' sez she. 'Do yu mean t' say yu won't gimme that change?' I asts her. 'Yu're right,' sez she. 'The conductor gimme it an' I'm going tu' keep it. What's mine's me own.'"

"Why'n't yu call a cop?" suggested Mr. HaHwkins, now very much interested. "I wouldn't 'a' stood fer any deal like that."

"Yu're a man, an' I aint," was Myrtle's crushing rejoinder.

"Didn't yu get yer change, dearie?" asked Mrs. Hawkins anxiously.

"I'm a-comin' t' that, maw," said Myrtle, with admirable patience, "if you'll only shut up fer a few minutes. I stood a-talkin' t, that woman fer two more blocks, an' I couldn't do a thing with 'er. So I got desprit, an' I jus' snatched one of 'er bundles. She yells like a pup an' th' conductor comes a-runnin'. So I takes a chanct an' jumps off th' car, an' it goin a mile a minute!"

"Bully fer you, sis!" Johnny burst out. "Did yu git away with it? Did she chase yer? Did she call a cop? I'll betchu ran like 'h—— I mean the dickens!" Smack!

"Take that," said Mr. Hawkins firmly, as Johnny staggered into a corner from a slap in the face. 'Spare th' rod an' spoil th' child,' he quoted glaring at Johnny. "Now, me gurl, tell us th 'rest o 'that."

"That's all there is to it," said Myrtle. "She wouldn't gimme me money, so I snatched her package.'

"Sure," said Mr. Hawkins in one breath; "but what wuz in th' package?"

Myrtle arose, shook out her skirts, languidly stretched herself, fixed her hair back, and edged toward the door.

"What wuz in that package?" yelled Mr. Hawkins.

"Hot air," said Myrtle, as she slammed the door and ran rapidly up the stairs."—Wm. A. McGarry.

A Sure Thing

JOHN," said Mrs. Jimson casually, "how much money have you lost in the stock market during the last three months?

Jimson hesitated a moment, then answered in rather a sheepish voice: "About five hundred dollars."

Mrs. Jimson's expression hardly changed. She spread out the bit of fancy work in her lap, smoothed it to a nicety with her tiny white hands, and cocked her head a trifle to one side while she viewed the result of her labors with a critical eye. "And why," she asked, "do you always lose?"

Her husband moved uneasily. "I don't know," he replied. "Can't understand it. Never get in on the right side, somehow. If I sell 'um they go up. If I buy 'um they go down, and I always get out of the market at a big loss—for me. Why can't I make money in stocks? Other men do." His voice had a plaintive note.

"Because," said Mrs. Jimson, "you 'never get in on the right side.' You have answered your own question. Now I want you to promise that you will give it up, John. Five hundred dollors! Why that would have more than bought me——"

Jimson broke in impatiently. "Oh, I know. But I always think that if I try just once more I'll win, and make up for all I've lost. Now to-day I bought fifty Redwing, through Bannigan & Co., at a hundred and ten, on margin, of course."

"And if you lose," questioned Mrs. Jimson, "you'll promise——"

"That I'll never touch 'um again," replied Jimson, fiercely, "'pon my word—never again!".

It was the very next evening that Jimson sat gazing disconsolately into the wood fire that blazed merrily on the hearth.

"And you lost?" inquired Mrs. Jimson, who was again busy with her fancy work.

Her husband groaned. "Oh, don't speak of it," he wailed, "but I'm through. I'll never touch 'um again."

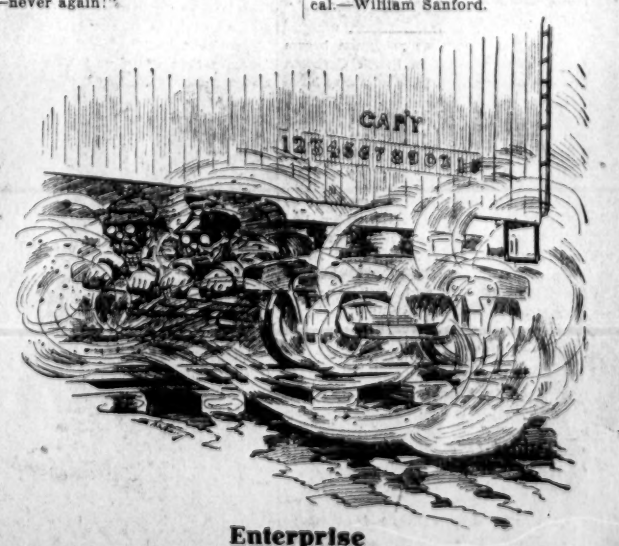
Mrs. Jimson arose and crossed to her husband's side. "John," she said, "I speculated in Redwing, too. My order was filled by Bannigan & Co., just after the market opened, at about the same figure as yours, they said.

"But I told them to do just the opposite from what you did, and to double the number of shares. So you see——"

Jimson leaped to his feet. "Great Scott!" Cover the first thing when the market opens in the morning. The stock rallied just before the close, but you're sure to have a big profit!"

A look of perplexity spread over Mrs. Jimson's features. "Cover what? You—you told me yourself that you never got 'in on the right side,' and that you always got 'out of the market' at a big loss, so I told them to be sure and get me 'out of the market' at the same time you got out, and they must have done it, because I got a check from them for all the money I gave them and almost two thousand dollars besides. I expect they have made a mistake, and sent me more than they really should, but I knew I'd have to win something when I did just the opposite from you."

But Mr. Jimson had become hysterical.—William Sanford.



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Downgrade Gleason.—It's jest as I told yer. All we needed wus dese here goggles t' get all de comforts o f a' auto.

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Most everybody's a Spuk, to begin with.

When a man says he isn't fit to be President nobody is foolish enough to try to dispute it.

Girls are always opposed to early marriages just so long as there is an evening train for a going-away trip.

Always make it a rule not to celebrate victories till the details have been officially confirmed by both sides.

Yes, Eulalie, you can eat just as many English walnuts as you please, just so long as it is not done for the purpose of defying neutrality.

North Carolina might afford to do away with about everything but her teachers and public charities establishments.

'Everybody works but father", but at the same time father has to be pretty sharp to keep everybody from "working" father.

'Safety first", as a doctor said when he shoved aside a lot of alleged sausage consisting mostly of ground beef gristles mixed with fat pork.

We hear a great deal about the bayonet during the war in Europe, but it strikes us that the pick and shovel are more relied upon than the bayonet.

An American ought to make a good diplomat but how many have made good in dealing with the wily diplomats of Europe when it came to getting the best of the bargain!

Why should Editor Patton, of the Charlotte News, worry about Columbia's "square meal"? Doesn't he know that a loaf of bread of the Columbia variety is square?

While free trade England was a lender nation, protection America was a spender nation which depended on England for something like $5,000,000,000, as disclosed by the war in Europe.

'A Prophet is not without honor, save in his own country", but if he should happen to go to some other country and amount to much, some of his old countrymen are liable to come along and point him out to the police.

An Ohio paper tells us that Ambassador Herrick, who is on his way home from Paris, began life as a lightning rod agent. This shows that a young fellow can quit being a lightning rod agent if he is shrewd enough to get a political pull.

Seneca wrote in effect that there is something good for every race on earth. That is true, but of course, some races liable to be denied the use of some things that they think are good—vodka, for instance, not to say exhilirating liquids usually shipped by express.

Just about the time yeggmen began to blow open safes in South Carolina again, the lynching spirit seems to have been revived in that State. Of course, if yeggmen propose to stay in South Carolina after what we have announced, it will be their fault when they get caught.

Of course, some men may object to being killed by a heathen soldier, but a fellow wouldn't have a thing to brag about in explaining to St. Peter that a Christian soldier shot him. When the heathen and Christians are raging they look alike to an individual who would much prefer to be at the back side of the front.

Talk is no longer cheap. The telephone people inform us that on and after December 1st each message transmitted over any telephone, for which a charge of 15 cents or more is imposed, is subject to a tax of one cent for the government's war revenue chest. The law requires the telephone company to collect it, so that hereafter fifteen cents worth of talk will cost sixteen cents.

COTTON FOR GERMANY

It is evident that cotton will soon be moving to Germany and Austria through either Bremen, Germany, or Rotterdam, Holland, most likely the latter port. A Washington dispatch says the State and Commerce Departments, expects the movement to be from 75,000 to 150,000 bales a month as soon as the matter of marine insurance rates thereon can be adjusted more satisfactorily to the shippers. In this connection it is announced that the committee appointed by the Secretaries of State, Treasury and Commerce to consider the foreign cotton market situation, on Friday issued the following statement:

"It is evident from the replies from the consular circular that there is a tremendous demand for cotton in Germany and Austria, and the prices are high, ranging from 14 to 18 cents a pound. The principal difficulty at present seems to be the high rate of marine insurance. Otherwise the movement of cotton from the United States to Europe would be facilitated."

Efforts are to be made as soon as Congress meets to amend and broaden the war risk bill, so cotton cargoes to Germany can be insured by the government. The purpose is to provide government insurance on shipments to the belligerent countries, even when these shipments include articles such as cotton, which has been declared non-contraband.

It is learned from the New York Journal of Commerce that the State and Commerce Departments jointly have been working out the plans for shipping cotton to Germany and Austria. Some of it is going direct to the port of Bremen, other cargoes to Rotterdam, Genoa or other neutral ports and thence into Germany and Austria. The ships will come back bearing potash, dyestuffs and other chemicals needed here, which Germany will allow to be exported to this country only in American bottoms. The conference committee ultimately will devise a plan for tabulating figures and estimates supplied by American consuls and commercial attaches abroad on the present and prospective consumption of cotton throughout the world. Reports will be received regularly by cable and hereafter a monthly statement of the world's cotton market will be issued for the guidance of American cotton producers and manufacturers.

The first of the cabled reports were ready for consideration when the conferent met last Friday, comprising estimates from many European and South American countries. These will be gone over and a method of compiling the information to form accurate estimates will be devised. Figures on the cotton production already are available to some extent but additional data as to the prospective yield in Egypt, India, China and Russia have been requested from consuls in those countries.

The reports on consumption will show stocks of raw cotton on hand in foreign countries as compared with last year, the number of spindles and persons employed in cotton manufacturing plants and the monthly rate of manufacture, estimates on stocks of cotton goods on hand and on the probable purchases for 1915 delivery.

DEATH OF EDITOR OLIVER

The Star regrets exceedingly to note the death of Mr. John T. Oliver, one of the editors and owners of the Reidsville Review. He died at his home in Reidsville at noon Saturday, after having been a sufferer several years with Bright's disease. Mr. Oliver was 39 years of age, and leaves a wife, formerly Miss Lillie Lineberry of Fayetteville. There also survive him two brothers, Messrs. R. J. Oliver and Manton Oliver, both of Reidsville, and one sister, Mrs. T. N. Preddy, of Memphis, Tenn.

Editor Oliver's death will be quite a loss to his community and the Review, which is one of the sprightliest and best of the State's weekly or twice-a-week papers. He was a member of the Episcopal church, and was prominent in political circles in his county and city. He was a Democrat and only on the first of December was appointed deputy revenue collector in the Western North Carolina district by Collector A. D. Watts, of Statesville. He was a good newspaper man and we are sure Reidsville will be a loser by his death.

NO END OF MARKETS

Even Italy is importing wheat. The government has purchased a million tons of grain in Argentina and five steamers have been chartered to transport the first consignment. This information comes in a Rome cablegram under date of December 4.

Referring again to the efforts of the market division of the North Carolina Experiment Station to convince our farmers that there will be no trouble about finding sale for all the wheat and corn they can produce, the well posted farmer ought to know himself that there will be no trouble about finding sale for ten times as much wheat or corn as can be grown in this State. For several years every nation in Europe will have to import grain, for the gigantic war over there will demoralize agriculture for such a long time that none of them can produce enough to supply the enormous demand, even though the war end within a year.

It is certain that Europe will be in the market during the next two or three years for the surplus grain crop of every neutral country in the world, especially those countries with easily reached ports like those of the United States. We expect to live to see the day that Wilmington will be exporting grain, and there is every reason why it should be doing so now. Nevertheless, North Carolina's own demand is so great that she will have all she can do to supply herself. The farmers can be their own customers by supplying themselves with bread and meat and in supplying the State's cities and towns, now providing good markets for Western products.

It is even too early to talk about North Carolina's raising such a surplus grain crop that the question of a market should be cause for worry. In the first place, the State's surplus corn crop can be turned into meat at better profit than by shipping it away, and the more corn the State grows the easier it will become to produce hog, cattle and dairy products.

The only thing we are afraid of is that we will not grow enough grain to supply ourselves and keep at home the $20,000,000 which we have paid to the West this year for what should have been produced at home.

Markets! Why we have all sorts of a market at home, and great possibilities for raising live stock just as soon as this becomes a grain producing State. The most prosperous period in the history of North Carolina will be when she produces corn, hay and grazing crops. Watch the prediction!

ACADEMIC STATESMANSHIP

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels called down Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, with regard to his campaign of strictures on the navy so far as torpedoes are concerned, but, in his extraordinary state of mind, one of genuine alarm or anxiety to become famous, the Bay State Congressman comes back with added statements of the country's terrifying unpreparedness to keep off foreign invaders.

In a speech at St. Louis on Friday, Mr. Gardner told the Contemporary Club the country's troubles. Before the club he replied to Secretary Daniels' who controverted some of the Congressman's alarming statements about the inadequacy of American naval and military preparedness. "I state without fear of successful contradiction," he said, "that the big guns on the latest dreadnoughts of Great Britain and Germany are of such long range that the battleships can stand a mile and a half outside the range of the guns on the fortifications of New York and demolish those forts."

Suppose what Mr. Gardner declares is absolutely true, and even could not be disputed, it puzzles us to know why he did not go in profound secrecy and with impressive and patriotic stealth to the naval and army authorities and make his disclosures behind closed doors, with all the keyholes plugged, all the shades pulled down and all the lights turned out. Having failed to put on gumshoes and quietly make his revelations, it is assumed that it was not so much the good of the army and the navy that Mr. Gardner sought as it may the opportunity he saw, seized and grasped to get in the limelight with a tremendous flutteration.

If Great Britain or Germany had any idea of smashing Little Old New York, they would be much obliged to Mr. Gardner for telling before all the world whatever technical spies possibly could not find out for their governments. Some of the military powers pay thousands of dollars to find out just such things as Mr. Gardner is telling them in his speeches.

No wonder foreigners laugh at the primitive and academic statesmanship of this country. They say that if they did not know that some statesmen just like Mr. Gardner took themselves seriously and were really innocent in some of the things they do to get notoriety, they could only be classed as mountebanks rather than shallow statesmen.

Why, Mr. Gardner, may be serious or he may be only seeking notoriety, but it would strike foreigners that for the sake of party animosity he is willing to play the role of Machiavelli in politics.

Why the denials that war is being conducted on a barbarious scale by either side in Europe, or wherever else there may be war? War itself is not only barbarious but atrocious, and we doubt whether there ever was an army that did not have its monsters, its looters, its pillagers, its vagabonds, its bummers and its criminals. It only takes war to prove that by nature there are men who are barbarans and savages. These are the men who blacken the reputation of an army-anybody's army.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The only way doctors can get a nickel out of some families is when one of the kids swallow it.—Columbia State.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot has a philosopher of rare acumen on its staff. He has observed that nine times out of ten those people who most stridently abuse the newspapers for lying would be the first and quickest to leave the county and State if the papers told the literal truth.—Grensboro News.

The remarkable showing made by E. J. Hill on his farm a mile south of town in making an average yield of 128 bushels and three pecks of corn per acre on a four-acre tract proves conslusively that we have some of the best land in the world right here in Duplin county, and that our farmers need not be dependent on anybody for their food supply. We can raise all the corn, hay, wheat, oats and livestock that we need and be able to spare quite a lot to the residents of less favored communities.—Duplin Enterprise.

Indictments in the case of John Burke, formerly manager of the Panama canal work, allege that he accepted bribes of nearly $21,000. That is a lot of money, an amount that even the biggest grafter would not think was too little for him to risk taking. But it is not big when it is remembered that it is the only amount that is even alleged to have been received as graft by anybody in connection with the work of building the canal, which has cost, including current appropriations, more than $353,000,000. It is to be hoped that Burke is not guilty of the charges against him, for if he is not the canal was built, so far as is known, without being tainted with graft.—Savannah News.

According to the Russky Invalid, a military newspaper publish in Petrograd, the number of Russian officers killed, wounded and missing now totals 33,0000. On the basis of one commissioned officer to each 60 men this would mean a total loss of more than 1,800,000 to the Russian armies since the war began. The loss of officers, however, is almost invariably in a higher ratio than the loss of men in the ranks. Assuming that the loss of officers proportionately to private soldiers and noncoms to have been one to 40, the total Russian loss thus far would be approximately 1,250,000, which is very close to the estimate of German military authorities. The prisoners usually constiute about one-fourth of the total loss in war; and if the claim that there are 400,000 Russian prisoners in German and Austrian detention camps is correct, the Russian losses would be nearer 1,500,000.—Philadelphia Record.

The North Carolina Historical and Literary Association has already done a great service in behalf of literature and in the increasing attention which its work is having in bringing forth more of North Carolina history. The organization has been most fortunate in the years of its history in having had as its presidents from time to time men who were imbued with the spirit of seeking the best for the State in its literature, and in pressing forward in the work of historical research. Dr. Clarence Poe, elected as president of the association at the annual meeting held in Raleigh last week, will prove a worthy successor of the men who have preceded him in that high position. Young in years, he has shown in his career that he is worthy of the high honor which has come to him, and he has that ability and aggressiveness which will prove valuable assets to the association in its work for North Carolina. The Historical and Literary Association is to be most heartily congratulated on its selection of Dr. Poe as president, and Dr. Poe is to be congratulated in being called to a position in which he has opportunity to render so much of service to his State. —Raleigh News and Observer.

Sluggishness in cotton, attributable to the European war, is having one excellent effect in the States of the South, namely, the discussion now going on in the newspapers and having for its purpose a candid consideration of the labor problem, which for so many years has been the bete noir of that section. It is indeed pleasing to see a newspaper of the recognized standing of the Columbia (S. C.) State, devoting its best endeavors to encourage an influx of white immngrants. The paper says: 'Cheap negro labor makes cheap white labor. The negro's low living scale accounts for his low wage scale. The white laborer who does not own land must accept the same wage or he must take refuge in the cotton mill or in some other trade from which negroes are excluded. The skillful manager of negro labor obtains a fine profit from it when cotton prices are good. He is usually suspicious of immigration. He is afraid of higher priced labor." The State admits that the white wage-earning class in South Carolina, including tenant farmers, is in need of reenforcements, and this is likely true of most of the other States of the South. The replacement of negro farm laborers by immigrants is their best hope unless gradually but constantly the farm lands are to be given up to a diminshing white landlord class in control of the negro masses. Unless the white farm tenants shall be recruited, so that they will be numerous enough to exact and obtain a higher wage scale, they will be in time driven from the farms to the towns, South Carolina and the South as a whole may get some valuable pointers from the railroad companies in Chicago, which already have set on foot an elaborate plan to provide farms in the United States for Belgians and other immigrants when the European war shall have terminated. There is every reason to believe that following the war there will be an influx of foreigners to America much larger than ever before. Future agricultural possibilities in the South are superior to those offered by many sections of the West. Here would seem to be a golden chance for the South to awaken and get its share of the white foreign population so necessary to the growth and development of its section.—Pittsburg Post.

THE MORALS OF WAR

Benefits to Mankind Said to Grow Out of Great World Conflicts.

(From Prof. Hugo Muensterberg's "The War and America.")

War is not simply a disruption of international peace, but can become a positive creator of better and higher forms of the life of mankind. First of all only war can adjust the power of countries to the changing stages of their inner development.

It is easily said, and the average American likes to say it, that nations ought to respect the possessions of other nations as individuals respect the private property of their neighbors. But this apparently highest morality would be the grossest immorality. The property of a man can grow through his industry; there is unlimited supply; he does not need to take anything by force from his lazier or less intelligent competitor.

But if war were abolished the peoples which have poor land today must remain poor through the centuries; however much they may progress internally they would have no right to expand, as they would do so at the expense of their neighbors. The peoples which are on rich land could be sure to retain their possessions even if they became unworthy and useless for the march of civilization.

The world's progress has depended at all times upon the expansive ascendancy of the sound, strong, solid and able nations and the shrinking of those which have lost their healthy qualities and have become unfit or decadent. Why is one particular stage of this international development, the chance distribution of power today or tomorrow, more worthy of legal conservatiin than any previous?

Once the sun never sank on the world empire of Spain. Would it have been better if no enemies could have dismembered it when it began to hinder the advance of mankind? Was it not righteous when finally America took a portion of Spain's ill-treated possessions under its protection?

When Prussia was defeated by Napoleon in 1806 it really had failed to preserve the sterling qualities which secured the victories of Frederick the Great. The old spirit of duty and thoroughness had yielded for a generation to flabbiness and frivolity. Prussia deserved the humiliation and the losses which sobered it again and stirred it up to a new moral rise.

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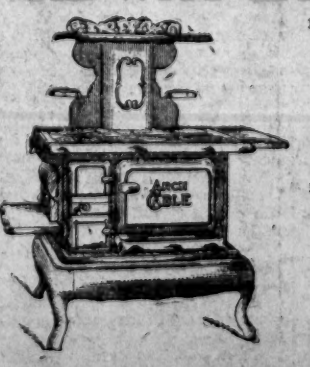

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ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO ABSENT BROTHERS

Impressive Memorial Services at Victoria Theatre.

Rev. Wm. E. Cox Eulogist at Annual Lodge of Sorrow in Wilmington—Special Musical Programme Rendered

In memory of the absent brothers who have departed this life, the living members of Wilmington Lodge, No. 532, B. P. O. E., assembled at the Victoria Theatre on Market street yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and in fitting manner paid tribute to them by carrying out the impressive Lodge of Sorrow ceremonial which is one of the most beautiful of all fraternal order rituals. Rev. Wm. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, was eulogist for the occasion and his address was an eloquent and masterly presentation of the cardinal principles of the order. The large auditorium was filled with an audience of men and women.

Special music was rendered by a quartette composed of Mrs. Mattie Longfellow, soprano; Mrs. F. A. Muse, alto; Mr. Charles Dushan, tenor; Mr. H. K. Holden, bass. Prof. Alf H. Yopp was accompanist.

The members of the order assembled at the Elks' club rooms on North Front street and marched in a body to the hall. The guests of honor including Rev. Wm. E. Cox, the orator; Rev. Father C. Dennen, the chaplain, and Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, joined them on Market street. As they entered the hall, Mr. Zep Winner played the entrance march on the Wurlitzer following which the quartette sang an appropriate anthem.

After the opening remarks by Exalted Ruler S. M. King in which he explained briefly the purpose of the occasion, the names of the honored dead were read by Secretary James Owen Reilly. A beautiful design in the form of a large clock with the hands pointing at the hour of 11 o'clock, the hour of remembrance for Elks, had been placed on the stage and beneath it was a large memorial floral wreath. As the secretary called the names of each deceased brother a star above the design was lighted, one for each absent brother, forming an arch over the clock.

Following are the names of the dead: F. W. Foster, R. L. Gates, R. E. Zachary, E. P. Bailey, John H. Gore, Edgar J. Bear, J. F. Ong, Felix H. Klutts, L. P. Aaron, Jno. M. Wright, Leo Leob, Isaac M. Bear, James W. Monroe, S. H. Fishblate, L. J. Bear, L. J. Sternberger, F. P. Donlan, Isaac Bear, Rev. James Carmichael and Henry Gieschen.

The hall and the memorial design were attractively and beautifully decorated with palms and Southern Smilax. The memorial was designed by Mr. J. F. Leitner and the decorations were furnished by Mr. Will Rehder.

After the singing of a solo by Mrs. Mattie Longfellow, the lodge ceremonies beginning with the singing of the opening ode, "Great Ruler of The Universe". Following these ceremonies Rev. Father C. Dennen made the invocation and another anthem was sung by the quartette.

The orator of the occasion was introduced by Past Exalted Ruler T. E. Wallace, who stated that it gave him peculiar pleasure to have this honor because of the splendid work that Mr. Cox has rendered since he has been in Wilmington, not only in his own church but to the entire city, and that he knew of no man who was better fitted for speaking on such an occasion than he. He did deem it necessary, he said, to introduce him but took great pleasure in presenting him to the audience.

Mr. Cox expressed his sincere appreciation of the words spoken by Mr. Wallace and stated that he considered it a great honor to be selected as the orator on this occasion, especially as he was not a member of the order.

"You doubtless realize that one outside your fold cannot speak with the intimacy of knowledge and depth of feeling that you would expect from one familiar with the mysteries of your inner shrine", he continued "but must of necessity confine himself to thoughts and sentiments which this memorial service suggests to the uninitiated.

"Through the courtesy of your Exalted Ruler I have been privileged to scan the pages of the history of your order, and, as I followed those pages through, many interesting things impressed themselves upon me. I was struck particularly with the note of fraternal good fellowship and social joy. From the informal organization of a few jovial and congenial spirits, out of which this order grew, down to the present day, its members have walked on the sunny side of the street, with sunny spirits for companions, in a festive social intercourse that would dispel the shadow of gloom and bring a gleam of happiness into every life.

"Apostles of good cheer they have ever been. And why should they not be so? The great Creator made man social by nature, and man is but following his God-given instincts when he seeks the joys of congenial social intercourse, always assuming that such intercourse is kept free from dangerous habits and excesses. The world will be the better and the human race the happier when more men learn to forget their grudges and their grouches and cultivate a wholesome happy social fellowship.

'As I look back at the beginning of your order, I see there a little group of men involuntarily drawn together through the interest each felt in the other, and because of the pleasure each gave to the other. This involuntary association ripened and grew into a voluntary association, and organized itself on principles that sprung out of that first elementary fact of mutual attachment. According to this natural development, the first and foremost principle of the order was and is Brotherly Love, all its other principles coming afterward and growing naturally out of the mutual love that existed in their hearts long before they wrote it down on paper. What I purpose saying to you today has, running through it all, this truth set forth in the first chapter of your history, namely, that outward organization, By-Laws, and a declaration of principles, do not make men brothers, but simply serve a secondary purpose for men who have the reality of brother-love overflowing the heart and permeating the life. The essential merit of any organization is not so much in the splendid principles set forth in its constitution, as it is in the extent to which its members exemplify those principles in their lives.

"Let us look for a moment at what we call friendship. Life is not worth living except it be linked to other lives by the ties of friendship. Some old Latin writer has said: 'If a man could ascend to heaven and get a clear view of the natural order of the universe and the beauty of the heavenly bodies, that wonderful spectacle would give him small pleasure, though nothing could be conceived more delightful, if he had not someone to whom to tell what he had seen'. 'It is a mere miserable solitude,' says Bacon, 'to want true friends; without which the world is but a wilderness'.

"But what constitutes this friendship? Is it simply being one of a group of men calling themselves friends, but which Montaigne describes as mere 'acquaintances and familiarities, tied together by some occasion or commodities by means whereof our minds are entertained?' Bacon truly says, 'A crowd is not company, faces are but a gallery of pictures, and talk is but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love.' Sure it is that, however closely we may be associated in familiar intercourse, there is no real friendship without a real brother-love in the hearts of those calling themselves friends.

"Friendship! Brotherly Love! What blessed words they are! How they make our hearts swell! How they bring back to memory faces that are gone, make us feel again the touch of vanished hands, and hear again the sound of voices long since stilled! But my friends, Let no vain fancy tempt you to believe that such hallowed memories come back to you because of names on your lodge roll or of a familiar association in your lodge room. Memories thus hallowed bring back faces that glowed with a wealth of soul shining through them, hands that thrilled with the touch, and voices that rang with a note that never dies; not simply because they once sat in your mystic circles, but because there lived in them the essential qualities of brotherhood that linked their lives with yours by a tie that not even death can sever.

'Consider also that most excellent virtue, Charity. Is it only the sharing of material things with people less fortunate than ourselves? Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned,' says St. Paul, 'and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing'. Surely, if St. Paul is correct, charity is a deeper nobler thing than the mere giving of material help. It reaches back into the heart, back into the springs of thought, feeling, and character, and reaches out again from there to all the needs of a fellowman. And those needs are manifold. There are infirmities of the soul as well as of the body. If that is charity which clothes a man's body, it is a greater charity to apparel the nakedness of his soul. It is as praiseworhty to impart to other lives the sweetness of our lives, as to put in other pockets the gold from our pockets. What means this 'Community Service' we have heard so much about during the past week but the giving of our best thought and energy to the solution of those problems that pertain to the welfare of our fellowmen? What mean these splendid school buildings we are laboring to build in this community but to give to every citizen the largest opportunity for self-developement and the many advantages of a liberal education? Is it not far more generous and benevolent so to help men help themselves than to leave them in such a state of life that somebody must be always helping them? There are a thousand ways to help our fellow-men, and charity includes them all. The source and essence of charity is brother-love in the heart of the dispenser of charity, and where love fills the heart it will manifest itself in as many ways as it is possible for man to be helpful to man.

"If I have made clear the idea I have been trying to express, it will be easy to see that I am not restricting the application of the principles of your order to the members of the order alone. I have known members of fraternal orders to regard the principles of their order as binding in their relations with other members, but not to people generally, at least not to the same extent. I take it that any principle of human life worthy of exaltation among the members of a fraternal order are worthy of exaltation everywhere and all the time. Certainly, those principles for which your order stands —Brotherly love, charity, justice and fidelity—are world principles, and are meant for world-wide service. The exemplification of these principles within the circle of your membership

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BUSY WEEK AT Y. M. C. A.

Increasing Interest in Gymnasium Work—Boys Have Strenuous Games—Large Attendance.

The total attendance in the physical department of the Y. M. C. A. for last week was the largest of any preceding week in the year. The number was 1,183 and includes all those using any of the privileges that the association offers to its members. There were nine gym classes conducted for boys with a total attendance of 281 and nine classes for men with a total attendance of 156. There is a class at some time in the day or night so that all who need exercise are enabled to do so.

Four leagues held their weekly games meet during the week, playing a total of eight basketball games, competing in six relay races, six athletic events with the following results:

The Junior Prep Classified Athletic League held its regular meet, playing two basketball games and competing in two athletic events. The first basketball game was between Harvard and Carlisle and went to Harvard by the score of 4 to 3. However, when the teams went upstairs the Carlisle bunch got busy and won both the jump and the relay race and thus carrying off honors. The second basketball game between Yale and Navy went to Navy by a score of 6 to 1. The events on the track were hotly contested and at the end of the relay race the referee decided that the last two men were so close that he called it a tie. The jump however was won beyond dispute by Yale, their men jumping 1 1-2 feet further than Navy's.

The Junior Classified Athletic games were played off with the following results: The first game of basketball was between Wake Forest and Davidson and was won by Davidson by a shutout score of 5 to 0, while the game was being played on the floor Carolina and A. & M. were upstairs on the track running a relay race which was won by A. & M. by a slight margin and then the jump was run off, it also being won by A. & M. and resulted in a 5 to 3 score in favor of North Carolina. The relay between Wake Forest and Davidson was won by Wake Forest and the jump by Davidson. Davidson as a result of their walkaway with the basketball game came from third place in the standing to first place.

JUNIORS GIVE FLAG TO WILLIAM HARNETT

Old Glory Now Floats Over All City Schools.

Presentation Made by L. Clayton Grant, Esq., of Wilmington—Acceptance by Superintendent Blair—Impressive Ceremonies.

Old Glory now floats over each of Wilmington's six graded schools and in each of these schools there is a Bible, all of them having been donated by the two Wilmington Councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. With impressive exercises the last flag and Bible was presented to William Harnett school, corner Sixth and Harnett streets, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the address of presentation having been made by L. Clayton Grant, Esq.

On account of the inclement weather the exercises were held indoors and the school auditorium was not sufficiently large to anywhere near hold the large crowd. There was a gentle breeze stirring and when upon the conclusion of the exercises the 300 children gathered around the flag pole, the tallest in the city, and around them the members of the Junior order, and the flag was raised to the flag pole and its folds unfurled, it was a picture that made each one present feel prouder of his country.

Right lustily did the children sing "The Dear Old Flag," and it thrilled the soul to hear them ring out the words in the enthusiasm characteristic of youth. They sang other songs and in all of them showed that they have the true spirit of young Americans.

Mr. L. F. Congleton, councilor of Jeff Davis Council, presided at the meeting and introduced the speaker of the occasion. After prayer by Rev. T. G. Vickers, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, the audience sang "America," Superintendent John J. Blair accepted the flag for the school and after the flag raising ceremony the benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

"The Junior order believes," said Mr. Grant in his address, "that the preservation of the Union and its sacred traditions and Democratic institutions depends upon the public school system, in its broadest sense, where the children of this nation may have the unrestricted reading of the Holy Bible.

"We have a sense of pride for the flag of our republic of the highest degree of respect and love consonant with its symbolical declaration of the purity of purpose, fidelity and courage of those who have followed its standard from Brandywine in 1777 to the occupation and evacuation of Vera Cruz in 1914.

"Therefore, in furtherance of our duty as members of this order, we take great pleasure in knowing that the public school system of this city and county is constantly expanding into a larger and more useful organization and by reason of the efficient management of those in charge is engaged in the erection of handsome buildings, where the children may be taught those great principles that compose the bulwark of our liberties."

Mr. Blair in responding to the address of Mr. Grant took occasion to thank the citizens of Wilmington for the erection of the handsome school building. At one time the Isaac Bear school was considered the model school of the city, he said, but the children of the William Harnett school are now happy to know that they now have as good a building as any in the city or the State for that matter.

He predicted that the building of he handsome structure would mean much, for that section of the city. It will be a pleasure and a delight for the children, he continued, to care for the flag and it will be an inspiration to them as long as they come to the school.

He assured the members of the Junior order that the Bible which they had presented to the school would be used as they would have it used and that it was fitting that it should be placed in such a structure dedicated to the education of children.

People of all sects and classes now believe thoroughly in rallying around the child and the interest in their welfare is becoming more and more evident, he said, and the school house is now being made a social centre for the community.

POPULAR LECTURER COMING

Dr. H. W. Sears Considered One of the Best on Platform.

The fourth number of the Boys' Brigade Luceum course will be presented Tuesday night, December 15. This will be a lecture by the eminent lecturer, Dr. H. W. Sears, better and more popularly known as "The Taffy Man," because of his famous lecture, "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy," which has been delivered in every city of note in America and always with the same result, viz.: great satisfaction and pleasure.

Of him the Alkahest Lyceum management says: "Happy is the man who finds his mission in the world. Dr. H. W. Sears found his when he began his lectures to drive out the blues and rout the demons of grumbling with his scourge of satire, wit and humor. Like the poet, the lecturer is born, not made. Such is the inimitable Dr. Sears, with his word pictures, sound logic, true philosophy and gospel ethics, seasoned with good spirits, pathos and soul stirring eloquence. He is Sam Jones and Dr. Willits in one, for he has the pungent sarcasm of the one and the pathetic and inspiring power of the other. Dr. Sears is unique and without a peer to entertain and edify an audience on any occasion."

The brigade course has not offered a lecture for several seasons for the reason that one who it was felt could enlist the interest of the subscribers to the course could not be secured and Dr. Sears was secured only after considerable effort and his presence upon this course is considered a distinct distinct triumph in making the course the best the brigade has ever offered.

BEST FOR KIDNEYS—SAYS DOCTOR.

Dr. J. T. R. Neal, Greenville, So. Car., says that in his 30 years of experience he has found no preparation for the kidneys equal to Foley Kidney Pills. Pain in back and hips is an indication of kidney trouble—a warning to build up the weakened kidneys, make them vigorous, ridding your blood of acids and poisons. Foley Kidney Pills will help any case of kidney and bladder trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. In 50c and $1.00 sizes. Sold in your town by Rob't R. Bellamy.

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SEALS NOT FOR WAR RELIEF

Director Bicknell Urges Support of Anti-Tuberculosis Movement During Holiday Season.

None of the proceeds from the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals which are being sold extensively in Wilmington as well as throughout the entire United States, for the benefit of the anti-tuberculosis movement will be used for war relief purposes, according to a statement issued in Washington, D. C., yesterday by Ernest P. Bicknell, National director of the American Red Cross.

"The American Red Cross," says Mr. Bicknell, in his statement, "is deeply appreciative of the sympathetic interest which has inspired the suggestion from various parts of the United States, that a certain percentage of the Red Cross Seal Sales Fund, which has been used for the last six years exclusively for the prevention of tuberculosis in the United States, be expended this year to aid the European war sufferers. While the Red Cross is trying very hard to raise a large war relief fund and is anxious to secure contributions that will increase this fund, we do not feel justified in adopting any policy which will tend to cripple the tuberculosis work in this country, which is dependent for its support to so large an extent on the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. The announcement that a percentage of the Red Cross Seal money would go to our war relief fund might possibly increase the sale, but, in our opinion, the final results would show a distinct loss in that part of the proceeds going for tuberculosis work.

"At the present time there are over one thousand anti-tuberculosis societies distributed over nearly every State in the Union, and even in Vera Cruz, the Canal zone, and far-off Hawaii, which are dependent almost entirely upon the reecipts from the Red Cross Seal sale for their work during the year 1915. The people of the United States must support this local war against tuberculosis, which annually kills 200,000 people, and at the present time is leaving a trail of a million wounded."

BROTHERHOOD LYCEUM COURSE.

Abner's Octette Will be Next Number at St. Andrew's Church.

Then next lyceum number under the auspices of St. Andrew's Brotherhood will be given in Memorial Hall Friday, December 11th. The company on this occasion will take the form of an Octette, and will present a programme unique in every respect and should appeal to everyone who loves the traditions of the Southland. "The Crisis" as presented by the Abner Musical Octette is an historic picture in song and story of the Civil war period, and depicts the stirring scenes which were enacted between the Blue and the Gray.

The programme will be divided into three parts, as follows:

Before the war, during the war and 50 years later. In the first part is given a true picture of life in the North and in the South, illustrated by songs and music of that period, while the artists will appear in the quaint and beautiful evening dress of that period.

In the second scene the stirring war time will be illustrated by the recital of heroic deeds to the accompaniment of the martial strains characteristic of the times. The men of the company will appear in uniforms which were a familiar sight at that time, while the ladies will appear in the guise of army nurses.

The third scene is particularly interesting and full of pathos, representing the Blue and the Gray 50 years after the struggle. Two of the artists will impersonate the veterans of many fights, who have become old and bent, while two of the women of the company will represent the nurses who have also become old. They become reminiscent and the old men tell of their experiences at the Gettysburg reunion. The remaining members of the company will represent the present and in song and anecdote show their elders how they and their deeds are regarded by the present generation.

The company is one of the largest on the lyceum platform, and was secured only at great expense. It was organized personally by Mr. Louis Abner, whose prime purpose in presenting "The Crisis" is to show that while we adhere to our traditions and are loyal to the section where we were born, we are still a united nation, and one people and all Americans.

STAMPS HAVE ARRIVED; FOR SALE AT POSTOFFICE

Postmaster Green Has Them in All Denominations in Large Quantities.

The people of Wilmington may now rest content for the war stamps have come and the only trouble now will be to get the money to pay for them. Postmaster H. McL. Green takes great pleasure in announcing that he has them in all denominations and in large quantities. They were delayed for five days and during that time there was much anxiety on the part of a great many people because they were afraid that they would get into trouble with Uncle Sam.

Mr. Green has proprietary stamps of the following denominations: One-eighth cent, one-fourth cent, five-eighths cent, one and one-fourth cent, two cents and two and one-half cents, and documentary stamps of the following denominations: One cent, two cents, five cents, ten cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and 80 cents.

These stamps may be secured in quantities from the money order window and in small amounts from the stamps window.

This is an entirely gratuitous part of the work of the postoffice as the sale of the stamps is conducted under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury.

SIR LUKE O'CONNOR IS KNOWN IN WILMINGTON

Visited Mr. D. O'Connor, His Brother, Here in 1898—Military Career.

Friends of Mr. D. O'Connor, of this city, will be itnerested in the following mention of the military career of Sir Luke O'Connor, his brother, from a recent issue of the London Daily Mirror. Sir Luke visited his brother here in 1898, spending several months in the city. He was here during the riot of 1898. The following was written in connection with a comment on the death of Lord Roberts:

"Lord Roberts' death still further depleted the dwindling ranks of the Mutiny veterans. Four years ago, I remember, he attended a great rally of veterans at the Chelsea hospital, one of whom died on that very day. Lord Roberts was photographed together with five other Mutiny V. C. S.—Sir Hills-Johnes, Sir Luke O'Connor, Sir Evelyn Wood, Sir George White and Sir Edward Thackeray. Of the group of six heroes, Sir Roberts and Sir George White have gone.

"Of those left, Sir Luke O'Connor is one of the most interesting of our Crimean and Mutiny heroes. He joined the army two years after Lord Roberts entered Sandhurst, but Sir Luke entered the ranks of the Welch Fusiliers. Five years later, at the battle of the Alma, he was a sergeant and the hero of the day, for when Lieut. Anstruther, the bearer of the queen's colour, was shot down it was Sergeant O'Connor who seized it and, though wounded, carried it through the day. For this act of gallantry he gained a commission, and a year later justified his promotion by extreme bravery in leading a storming party.

"For these two heroic acts he was granted a Victoria cross, one of the first to be presented by Queen Victoria. Eventually Sir Luke was appointed to the command of his old regiment, an honor which he has always maintained to be the greatest of his life.

"Sir Luke O'Connor, like Lord Roberts, has always had the soldier's cause at heart and has agitated continuously for more pay for the ranks, as well as for the officers, for he maintains there are scores of non-commissioned officers who cannot accept commissions because they could not live on their pay, yet who would make ideal officers. Sir Luke is a great believer in the inestimable value of the 'noncommissioned man.'"

START OPERATIONS AGAIN

National Wood Products Co. Finds Business Improving.

After having been closed down for two months on account of depressed conditions in the naval stores market, the National Woods Products Company began the operation of its plant on Smith's creek near Wilmington last night at midnight. The naval stores market has suffered even worse than the cotton market due to the fact that a great deal of turpentines, heavy oils and other pine products are exported.

It is gratifying to find that conditions have improved to such an extent that plants of this character can resume work. While conditions are by no means what would be expected under normal conditions those dealing in products of this character are hopeful and believe that conditions will continue to improve.

MEMPHIS-ATLANTA SERVICE.

Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Announces New Schedule.

The traveling public generally will be interested to know that effective December 13th the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway will inaugurate its new through service between Atlanta and Memphis via Nashville and Chattanooga. The schedules just announced call for a departure from Atlanta at 4:55 P. M. and arrival in Memphis 8:35 A. M. The east bound movement calls for departure from Memphis at 8:20 P. M. and arrival at Atlanta 11:55 A. M. Sleepers and diners will be operated also and an observation car will be included in the equipment. All connections will be made in Memphis and Atlanta for other points.

Old Way and The New

Mr. Walter Wood, scenic artist for the Tidewater Power Co., has contributed to the company's usually pretty and attractive window display, one which is especially catchy and attractive in that it ingeniously portrays the "old" and new way of cooking and managing the kitchen of the up-to-date housewife. One side of the window portrays the old way of cooking with the pot and hooks over the wide fire place and the other presents the attractive appearance of the modern kitchen with a gas range, kitchen cabinet and other up-to-date appliances. The idea has been very cleverly carried out and the window attracts much attention.

Many a Boy

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. G. Herbert Smith and daughter, Miss Mildred Smith, are spending some time in New York City.

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Miss Margaret Bridgers has returned from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where she was the guest of Mrs. Wallace Scales.

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Yesterday's News and Observer: "Miss De Ruiter, of Wilmington, is in the city as the guest of Mrs. Gustav Hagedorn."

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Mr. J. B. Dempsey and bride returned from their honeymoon yesterday, and are at home to their friends at No. 16 North Fifth street.

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Miss Bessie Henry, of Wallace, N. C., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McIntyre, of Winter Park, for the week-end.

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A pretty Christmas gift is a Y. W. C. A. 1915 calendar. They may be had at the local association for 30 cents. Red Cross and Y. W. C. A. seals are also for sale at the Y. W. C. A.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Forbes, of Goldsboro, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Forbes' sister, Mrs. Frank T. Weaver, No. 16 North Fifth street, returning home last evening.

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Mrs. J. K. Wise and Miss Louise Wise have issued invitations to a dance which will take place at the Boys' Brigade armory Thursday evening, December 10th. It will be one of the principal social events of the season.

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The annual Christmas sale of the Ministering Circle of King's Daughters will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. A. Dick, No. 113 Nun street. There will be fancy articles of all kinds for sale and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church has arranged to hold an interesting and very unique parcels post sale in the memorial building on Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Many fancy articles suitable for the holidays will be offered for sale.

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The parliamentary law class at the Y. W. C. A. will meet this afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. The Bible class composed of a large number of business girls will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Mrs. C. O. Byerly is the teacher of this class. The class in shorthand will meet at 8 o'clock.

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In order that people out of the city may be able to notify the local Travelers' Aid whenever they have friends coming to Wilmington, a postoffice box has been placed at the Union station. Mail addressed to Travelers' Aid care Union Station will be delivered promptly,so that the lady in charge may be on the look-out for those coming to the city on the trains.

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MEN TO BE ADMITTED AS MEMBERS OF SOROSIS

The constitution of North Carolina Sorosis was amended at the last meeting to allow men to be admitted as associate members of the organization. The membership dues are only $1 a year. There are many men in Wilmington interested in the splendid work which Sorosis is doing, who will be glad to lend their aid to it by becoming members.

The work of the Travelers' Aid conducted by Sorosis, was the means in November of rendering assistance to 247 persons. There are two ladies in charge of this work and they work in relays, one relieving the other, so that there is always one of them on duty both day and night.

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ROMANTIC WEDDING AT NEWBERN SATURDAY

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 6.—A pretty little romance culminated in this city yesterday afternoon when Miss Ina Griffin, an attractive and accomplished young lady of Seven Springs and N. C. Peterson, of Vanceboro, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Euclid McWhorter. The young couple have been sweethearts for a long while and while there was no objection to their marriage, they desired to keep the affair a secret until after the ceremony was performed and they succeeded in doing this admirably well. Yesterday morning they came to the city and in company with a friend, went to the office of the register of deeds and secured the necessary license. They later were united in matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson will make their home in Vanceboro.

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WILL ESTABLISH MEMORIAL TO MISS BLANCHE FENTRESS

Announcement was made at Grace Methodist church yesterday of the recent decision of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wilmington district to establish a memorial schoool in China to the late Miss Blanche Fentress, of Wilmington, who died about a year ago. Miss Fentress was the first recording secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference and retained that position for 25 years, having been its secretary at the time of her death.

She was greatly interested in mission work and it would be most appropriate to establish such a school. According to the rules of the Southern Methodist church, mission schools may be named in honor of deceased persons upon the contribution of a certain amount of money to their support and the women of the Wilmington district of this church have determined to establish such a memorial to Miss Fentress.

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WOMEN WILL PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION OF VESTRY

According to a recent law of the church enacted by the Diocese of East Carolina, women members have the right to vote in the election of the vestry and at two of the Episcopal churches of Wilmington will have their first opportunity to exercise this right tonight, these churches being St. James' and St. Paul's.

The election of the vestry of St. James' will take place in the Parish house from 7 to 9 o'clock and all the members of the church are requested to take part in the election. The election of the vestry of St. Paul's will take place at this church at 8 o'clock. The number of vestrymen in the latter church will be increased from seven to nine.

It is left optional with the different dioceses, according to the laws of the Episcopal church as to whether or not the women shall have the right to vote in the election of vestrymen. Many of them have given them this right and the Diocese of East Carolina is one of the latest to do so.

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EVENTS OF A WEEK IN WARSAW SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 5.—A rare treat was enjoyed by the music lovers, who on Friday evening attended the piano, song and violin recital given by Mr. Ralph H. Fisher, assisted by Miss Lillian Howard, in the graded school auditorium under the auspices of the Ladies' Betterment Society. Mr. Fisher rendered selections from the masters, and the skill shown by him was remarkable. The selection of his own composition was very charming. His companion, Miss Howard, is also a musician of great ability, and the large audience, who were attracted to a certain extent by the State press praise, were amply repaid for their evening.

A play was given by the pupils of the Beulaville graded school Thursday evening entitled "Israel at the Circus," after which an oyster supper was served. A tidy sum was received from the two, and will be used for the benefit of the school.

"The Face at the Window," a drama in three acts, was rendered by the young people at Lane Field school Friday evening. Refreshments were served and a neat amount was realized from the silver offering.

Miss Mankie Noble was awarded the piano given by J. Walter Johnson Grocery store to the most popular lady in this town. Miss Noble will trade the piano for an organ with a friends of hers, and will give the organ to the Methodist church to be used in their worship. Miss Noble is assistant postmaster here.

THEATRICAL

All ready at the people's favorite amusement palace and Wilmington's very swell at and handsomest theatre—the beautiful Victoria—for another week; and such a week! Into this week will be crowded a giant number of film masterpieces, each from the General Film Company, the makers of the world's greatest photoplays. These films too are presented in manner unlike, and therefore superior, to what any movie house in Wilmington has ever attempted, much less accomplished. There is a reason, of course. It is because the Victoria is the best equipped and the most modernly appointed theatre of its kind not only in Wilmington, but in North Carolina, and its comfort defies the most blustering elements. It is always warm and cozy at this theatre, with plenty of ventilation, thus assuring healthfulness. Today's show is a wonder and the same old 5 cents admission will hold forth. Today is not only a day of star films, but of star actors. Clever Maurice Costello will head the show, appearing in the Vitagraph's latest: "The Mystery of Brayton Court." It is a gripping, thrilling mystery story, with a touch of real detective work all the way through.

Next will come Edison's "The Hand of Iron," with charming Gertrude McCoy and dashing Richard Tucker in the leads. It is a dramatic that will strike fire in every breast. Then for fun, barrels of the biggest, most wholesome laughs. With Babe Hardy and Mabel Paige, Lubin will screen its great comedy, "The Soubrette and the Simp," while Essanay will flash "Snakeville and the Corset Demonstrator." It's a howl for pure joy, and the explosive mirth is started by "Slippery Slim," the barber. Don't miss this one. However, don't miss any of the Victoria's films today, if you would be happy.

And then to climax the show, there will be a fifth brilliant film success, "Thumb Prints and Diamonds," with Rosemary Theby.

Old Favorites at Bijou.

Today the popular photoplay house, the one that presents all the big things in movies when they are the newest, and the one that shows the biggest and exclusive work of all the most popular screen favorites, inaugurates what will be one of the biggest weeks in its history, and will remain a record for Wilmington until the "Master Key" starts—then all records will be broken. Of course you read the big lay-out in the large advertisement in yesterday's Star, and now that among big stars that will be on this week are Grace Cunard, Francis Ford, Mary Fuller, Mary Pickford, etc.

Well, today's topliner, a mammoth two-reel Victor dramatic feature, "For the People," introduces two other favorites—Dorothy Phillips and Matt Moore. You haven't seen this couple in some time, so today, don't fail to be on hand early, for this is to be a banner day. This great release scores another beat for the Universal, for the high governor of the State of Ohio, Governor Cox, plays a leading role in this great two-reeler. It's a political story, and that's why the governor was persuaded to play a part—no make up nor nothing—a rousing big political drama, with the real governor playing the role of governor in the production. It's an innovation in picture making, something that was never thought of by any other film companies—it remained for the great brains behind Universal productions to bring it out.

Then comes another mammoth offering in a two-reel comedy offering, "A Bear Escape" that is ridiculously funny throughout, and the rousing bill ends with a mammoth Keystone coniedy film, "Fatty Again," making five full reels for today's week opener.

And, by the way, whet your appetite to the very limit in anticipation of the "Master Key." If you see the first installment you wont' miss any of it—this we know.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—L. R. Varser, Esq., of Lumberton, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Orton.

—Mr. and Mrs. William B. Aycock, of Warsaw, were guests at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. B. J. Sanderlin, of White Oak, Bladen county, is among the guests at the Orton.

—Dr. J. Arthur Dosher, of Southport, was among the week-end arrivals at the Orton.

—Mr. C. A. Pepper and wife, of Southport, were guests at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. J. J. Crosswell, of Fayetteville, is in the city, the guest of Mr. M. H. Shepherd.

—Mr. F. R. Cobb, of King's Bluff, was registered at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday.

—Mr. Harvey Boney, of Rose Hill, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Hotel Wilmington.

—The fire department was called out at 10:17 yesterday morning on account of a small blaze at the home of Mr. C. R. Platt at No. 216 North Fifth street. The fire was caused by a defective flue and the damage was about $50. The residence is owned by Mr. W. H. Yopp.

ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO ABSENT BROTHERS

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should fit you the better to exemplify them in your relations with all men, and also fit you to help all men exemplify them among themselves. If this larger service to humanity be the purpose of your order, and you accomplish that purpose in any appreciable measure, the world will honor you while you live, and will mourn in a perpetual lodge of sorrow when you are gone.

"And what shall I say of fidelity? Is a declaration of principles, however sublime in themselves, of any worth if we forget or neglect, to live up to them? Is it any virtue to have principles when it suits our conveniences, then to ignore them when they run counter to some selfish interest? An, my friends, the world cries out for men whose fidelity is as deep and as strong as the love of life itself—men as true to their principles as the sun to his course. The world cries out for men like John the Baptist, who can speak the truth though the executioner's axe hangs above their necks; men like St. Stephen, who stand true to the high calling of God though stones from the mob crash in on their brains; men like the sainted Polycarp, who swerve not from the right though it would save their flesh from hissing and crackling in the flames. Whose heart does not thrill at the mention of the sentinel at Pompei, who failed not in his duty though Vesuvius enveloped him in a molten sea? Aye, it is men of heroic mould that the world needs, men that can be relied upon at all times to stand for the highest things and to stand firm though the heavens fall. Develop such men, my friends, and your order will deserve the benediction of mankind.

"But we are thinking today of those who have left us to answer the call of the angel of death. We are gathered here to honor their memory, and to pay them such tribute as the living can pay to the dead. We cherish the memory of all, and we pay our tribute to all, without distinction or difference, because they were our fellowmen bound to us by common ties, members of one great brotherhood. But our hearts do not honor them equally. Our hearts honor most those who best exemplified the lofty ideals we stand for, and whose example is the greatest stimulus and encouragement to those they have left behind. And as we think of the abiding influence for good that such men have left with us, it inspires us so to live that we may leave the world better than we found it, loved and honored by those who survive us, because our lives are beacon lights to lead them on to even greater heights of blessedness.

'The light is dimmed, the shadows deep,
In the halls of the Lodge of Sorrow,
As we silently mourn for our honored dead,
With sad thoughts of the morrow.
Our badges trimmed with the signs of woe,
Their memory revering;
Their sand is run and naught is left
But their virtues, them endearing.' "

After the singing of the closing ode the meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn.

DR. BRADFORD'S DEATH CAUSES GLOOM OVER HIS COMMUNITY

Large Concourse of Sorrowing Friends Attend Funeral.

The following account of the funeral of Dr. R. H. Bradford, of Burgaw, who died, a few days ago in Wilmington, is taken from the Pender Chronicle and indicates the esteem in which he was held in the town and community in which he had lived and labored for several years:

The funeral of Dr. R. H. Bradford took place on Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives. The service was held from the Presbyterian church, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. P. L. Clark, assisted by Dr. J. M. Wells, of Wilmington, and Rev. Mr. Crowley. The church was crowded with sorrowing friends and relatives of the deceased who came to pay a last sad tribute to the dead. After the simple and impressive funeral ceremony, the body was taken to the cemetery and laid away by loving hands. Impressive and appropriate music was rendered throughout the ceremony and every heart was moved with sympathy for those grief-stricken by this untimely death.

The active pallbearers were: Messrs. Robert Black, J. A. Bannerman, Fred Hussey, E. McNair Moore, E. T. Pullen and J. T. Bland, Jr., all of Burgaw.

The honorary pallbearers were: Messrs. J. R. Banenrman, A. H. Paddison, Dr. J. O. Durham, Dr. W. O. Singletary, W. B. McNeal, C. C. Branch, W. D. Croom and Dr. P. E. Lucas, all of Burgaw.

Many beautiful wreaths of flowers were laid upon his grave by sympathetic friends, attesting the high regard and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

Dr. Bradford leaves surviving him: His wife, Mrs. R. H. Bradford, formerly Miss Elizabeth Whitehead, of Scotland Neck, and one daughter, beautiful little Luna Dale Bradford; three brothers, Mr. N. E. Bradford, of Goldsboro, N. C., Mr. Leslie Bradford, of Charlotte, N. C., and Mr. Jerome Bradford, of Asheville, N. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. H. L. Beayt, of Mooresville, N. C., Misses Florence and Jane Bradford, of Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Katherine Bradford Johnson, of Concord, N. C., all of whom were present at the funeral.

The relatives of Mrs. Bradford present at the funeral were: Her brothers, Mr. J. W. Whitehead, of Dunn, and Mr. Turner Whitehead, of Scotland Neck; her sisters, Miss Lila Whitehead, of Scotland, and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, of Lumberton.

Dr. Bradford was born in Cabarrus county, N. C., in 1878, and was left an orphan at the age of 13, whereupon he was admitted to the Orphan's Home of the Presbyterian church at Barium Springs, N. C. He remained at the orphanage for three years, and then entered the Asheville Farm school, at Asheville, N. C. Later he pursued a literary course at Maryville College, Tenn. At the age of 23 he entered the North Carolina Medical College at Davidson, and graduated in medicine in the spring of 1904. After doing hospital and specialty work in Charlotte for one year. Dr. Bradford moved to Burgaw, where he lived continuously since that time, practicing his profession. He was a member of the North Carolina Medical Society, North Carolina Health Officers' Association and the 15th international congress on hygiene and demography. Dr. Bradford was county superintendent of health for Pender county, and had been very active in a promoting sanitation in the rural districts of our county.

His death has cast a gloom over the entire community. Since coming to Burgaw, Dr. Bradford had built up a splendid practice, and had made many friends in this county who greatly deplore his death. He was sympathetic, kind, gentle, and pure. A deacon in the Presbyterian church, he was active in promoting the cause of Christianity, and his life stands as an example of the consecrated Christian.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaven ones in their hours of sorrow.

MRS. HESTER DONNELLY DEAD

Respected Christian Woman Passed Away Yesterday Morning.

Many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Hester Ann Donnelly which occurred yesterday morning at 1 o'clock at her home, No. 409 Nun street. She had been in failing health for some time and had been seriously ill for the last four weeks. Although not unexpected her death nevertheless came as a profound shock not only to the members of her family but to a host of friends.

She was a highly respected Christian woman and for many years was a faithful and devoted member of Fifth Street Methodist church. She was a native of Wilmington and spent her entire life here. She was universally beloved and will be sadly missed.

Surviving her are one brother, Mr. L. M. LeGwin, of Wilmington, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Jarman, of Jacksonville, N. C. Surviving also are four daughters, Miss Ella V. Donnelly, Mrs. W. E. Yopp, Mrs. E. D. Warren and Mrs. L. B. LeGwin, and one son, Mr. James L. Donnelly, all of Wilmington. The bereaved family will have the tender sympathy of their many friends.

The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Messrs. W. A. McGowan, W. H. Schaeffer, John T. Sholar, J. W. Fleet, W. F. LeGwin and J. W. Jackson, Jr.

NEGRO WANTED FOR ROBBERY

Wounded Man Taken in Custody Mixed Up in Another Affair.

The police worked diligently yesterday and the night before without being able to locate the three men who Saturday night entered the market of D. C. Sneed, colored, 615 Campbell street, and while one of them feigned a purchase, the others gave their attention to the cash register, stealing therefrom a small amount of money, one of the number being considerably slashed in the shoulder with the butcher's knife, while one of the others fleeing, fired back and hit Sneed also in the shoulder.

In the early hours yesterday morning Captain Woolard, at the police station, got word that a negro with a bad stab in the shoulder had gone to the hospital to have his wound dressed and Sergeants Grimsley and Howell were immediately dispatched thither to bring him in, but after Sneed yesterday failed to identify him, he was released. Later, however, it is ascertained that the same negro, Tony Davis, claiming to be employed on the wharf, had been mixed up in another shooting and cutting affray in the southern part of the city, and warrants were issued for him, charging assault with a deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon, having fired on another negro, who countered and wounded him in the shoulder.

BEGINNING OF NEW YEAR FOR METHODIST PASTORS

Three New Ministers Conduct First Services in Wilmington Churches.

Yesterday was the beginning of the new conference year in the Methodist churches of the city and all the pulpits of the city were occupied, three of them by new pastors. Rev. A. J. Parker, the new pastor at Fifth Street preached to large congregations, and Rev. W. V. McRae, the pastor at Trinity, preached at both services at that church yesterday. Rev. G. M. Daniel preached at Seagate Methodist church yesterday morning and in the school house at Winter Park last night.

Rev. J. D. Bundy began his third year as pastor of Grace Methodist church and Rev. L. E. Thompson his third year as presiding elder of the Wilmington district. Rev. T. G. Vickers is beginning his second year's work at Bladen Street church. All the churches of the city had fine reports to carry to conference and begin the new year under most auspicious conditions. Plans are already being made for erection of a new church at Winter Park and it is probable that a new church will be erected at Trinity church also.

MRS. CAROLINE R. GALLOWAY

Died Saturday at Home of Relatives at Town Creek—Funeral Yesterday

Many friends in this section, especially in Brunswick county, where she had lived so long, will hear with sorrom of the death of Mrs. Caroline Rubecca Galloway, which occurred Saturday afternoon at the home of her relative, Mr. Evans, of Town Creek, at the advanced age of 84 years. She was an Evans before marriage and a member of one of the best known families of the county, having made her home with a relative at Town Creek for a number of years.

The funeral was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Zion M. E. church, of which she was possibly the oldest member, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. L. Carraway. The interment was in the family burying ground near the church, the pallbearers having been Messrs. W. E. Knox, L. Walker, E. C. Woodberry, W. S. McKeithan, W. W. Galloway and W. H. Walker.

MRS. JANE E. COSTIN DEAD

Former Resident of Wilmington Died Yesterday at Florence, S. C.

News was received in Wilmington yesterday afternoon of the death of Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Costin, a native of Wilmington and for many years a resident of this city, at Florence, S. C., yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The remains will be brought to Wilmington today, arriving here on the 12:40 p. m. train. The funeral and interment will take place at Oakdale cemetery, immediately after the arrival of the remains.

Mrs. Costin had been living for some time with her son at Sumter, S. C., and was visiting in Florence at the time of her death. She was 84 years old. She was a woman of noble Christian character and had many friends in Wilmington, who will learn of her death with deep regret.

MAY MOVE ACTION HERE

Defense in Case at Raleigh Asks for Removal to Wilmington.

The defense in one of the actions against the Newtons and McArthurs, of Fayetteville, has asked for the removal of the Girard bank's case from Raleigh to Wilmington, the request having been made to Judge Connor, who held Federal Court in Raleigh the past week. The suit is for $15,000. It was started in the Cumberland county courts but following a jury verdict against plaintiff banks in Fayetteville, the Philadelphia plaintiff took a non-suit and went to the Federal Court.

The Citizens bank, of Norfolk, won a $25,000 verdict in the Federal Court at Raleigh. The many actions involving the family and their large fortune is said to aggregate $300,000.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET SITUATION

Market Holds Quiet But Fairly Well Is Word from New York by Henry Clews

New York Dec. 5.—Owing to the lack of any other development of importance discussion during the week had mostly to do with the size of the crop. Numerous private estimates were issued running all the way from 14,900,000 bales to 15,750,000 bales, exclusive of linters. The idea that the crop will approximate 15,500,000 bales is pretty well fixed in the minds of the trade, the difference of opinion having more to do with linters.

In estimating the size of the commercial crop a liberal allowance should be made for linters because of the improved methods used recently in delinting the seed. It seems reasonable, then, in view of the magnitude of the yield, to count upon about 700,000 bales. Figuring on 15,500,000 bales, and adding 700,000 bales for linters, the total crop should approximate 16,200,000 bales, which would of course exceed all records. Official figures will be available on the 10th of the month at which time the Government will issue its annual crop estimate. Discussion of the size of the yield, however, is more or less academic. A bumper crop has already been fully discounted sentimentally and it is hardly to be expected that the forthcoming Government report will have any appreciable bearish effect on prices.

Trades for the week are large and further immediate shipments are pending. A good demand has developed from Italy and Spain, while a report persists that negotiations are well under way for heavy shipments to Germany. Advices from the South indicate a decided increase in mill construction and it was announced that the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., would resume full time operation immediately. This means the employment of 16,000 operatives.

The Manchester "Guardian" in a recent issue says, "There is every prospect that before Christmas many mills in the Ashton District will be working at full pressure. This week two of the largest concerns, the Wellington Mills and the Junction Mills, have commenced ful time employment, while in other sections there has been an increase in the hours worked". Everything certainly seems to point to a steady increase in consumption, and should there be developments in the theatre of war which even in a slight degree might indicate an early cessation of hostilities the demand for cotton would undoubtedly grow by leaps and bounds. Of course every one expects, and rightly so, that consumption this year will fall materially below that of a year ago, but without the war it seems reasonable to assume that the greater part of this year's crop, large as it is, would have been consumed by the mills of the world at much better prices than those which now prevail.

There is every evidence that investment purchases of cotton are increasing. Cotton has played such an important part in the recent financial upheaval that many men of sound judgment who never before were interested in the staple have been attracted to cotton, and when their investigation showed that it was selling below the cost of production they have been induced to make commitments from a purely investment standpoint. This buying unquestionably would have had more of an effect on prices were it not for the liquidation that usually sets in directly prior to the Christmas holidays. Christmas selling, however, will soon be over while everything considered it is reasonable to suppose that investment buying will increase. There is nothing at present forshadowing any great amount of market activity, but combining the facts in the situation that have so far developed no material decline from the present level of values is indicated.

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Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Hope Sherwood, 522 tons, Colbreth, C. D. Mafflitt & Co.

Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett; C. D. Mafflitt & Co.

Barges.

Barge No. 89, Standard Oil Company.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 5.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.35 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $3.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 42½; rosin, firm, $3.40; tar, firm, 2.50-11; crude firm, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine ... ...(—)
Rosin ... ...(—)
Tar 71
Crude Turpentine 3

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 14 casks; rosin, 16 barrels; tar, 117 barrels; crude turpentine, 6 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,189 bales; same day last year, 2,121 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 82,608 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 274,735 bales.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3¼c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON REVIEW

Price Changes in Markets as Result of Trading Last Week Were Significant Is Report

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—Price changes in the cotton market as the result of trading last week were significant. The most active future position lost 6 to 14 points. At one time they were 15 to 25 points under last week's close and at another time they were seven to ten points over. The range for the week was 25 to 32 points.

Large crop estimates by brokers, spot people and private crop reporting bureaus were the main depressing influences of the week. Added to it was hedging by spot owners and some little liquidation of long cotton on the fear that the Government's estimate of the yield next week would be high.

The market acquired a considerable short following which, late in the week, proved a source of strength. Shorts who wanted to cover over Sunday found little cotton for sale.

In the spot department prices lost a quarter of a cent, middling closing at 7 3-16 against 7 7-16 last week and 13 3-16 this week last year. Sales on the spot amounted to 3,120 bales against 2,180 last week and 5,314 this week last year; sales to arrive amounted to 11,375 bales against 5,160 last week and 14,702 this week last year.

This week the trade will be concerned chiefly with bureau reports. Tuesday the census bureau will issue a statemene on the amount of cotton ginned up to the first of December and Thursday the department of agriculture will issue its regular annual report on the size of the crop.

The first report probably will be used as the basis for several important private estimates but they can hardly be higher than the highest of last week, which was 16,450,000 bales. It is likely that it will take figures of 15,800,000 bales higher, from the government to bring about much of a decline while figures of 15,500,000 or under would stimulate buying, especially from the short side. Some bulls consider that the price levels recently reached have discounted a report of 16,000,000 bales.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Saturday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 5. — Cotton — Middling — Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6½; Charlotte, 7c.; Norfolk, 7c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 5th.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 4.—North Carolina Peanuts — Market, stronger; new crop fancy hand picked, 65c.; No. 1, machine picked, 60c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy hand-picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, No. 1, small machine picked, 70c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

GAVE AWAY HARD LUCK PIN

Hotel Clerk Who Got It Not Afraid of Ominous Warning.

(New York Times.)

The superstitious among his fellow clerks at the McAlpin were a little "leery" of R. G. Elbert, the room clerk, when, after enviously admiring the big scarfpin, they had just seen Col. J. Harry Behan, of Washington, present him, they learned that every previous owner of the pin had killed somebody, by accident or otherwise.

Col. Behan, who drove his automobile over here, has not escaped the ill-luck engendered by the possession of the pin, which is a dark stone, on which is carved a head that might be that of a Viking or a Hindu demon. Col. Behan did not murder a man, but six months after the pin came into his possession his automobile struck an old man in Washington with fatal results. He told Elbert that he had since given the pin to three or four other persons, and each had returned it to him after a spell of nervous possession. He offered the pin to Elbert, but the latter hesitated. Yesterday Elbert jokingly remarked that he would take that pin and the risks accompanying it if Col. Behan was really in earnest. The colonel took the pin from his tie and passed it over.

According to the story that goes with the pin, it was at one time the property of an Indian prince. Elbert says he is not superstitious, but he isn't going to walk under any ladders.

Parcel Post Sale, Ladies' Aid Society, at St. Andrew's Memorial Hall tomorrow night, 5:30.—advertisement.

STEADY PROGRESS IS MADE

And a Resumption of Normal Conditions in Security Markets is Rapidly Approaching.

New York, Dec. 6.—Developments during the week indicated steady progress toward the resumption of normal conditions in security markets. The date for the final removal of all barriers to free trading remained more less obscure, however. Rumors that stock exchange authorities intended soon to quote prices on stocks as they quote bond prices met with prompt denial. It was said open trading was likely until the situation in London assumed a more favorable aspect.

The trading of the week demonstrated that a substantial demand here, at prices above the minimum fixed for the protection of collateral and bank loans. Recovery of prices on the exchange was considered an outcome of the movement recently shown in the unauthorized outside market.

The new price-level tended to diminish fears that unfavorable consequences might arise from the actual reopening of the exchange to regulated dealings in listed stocks. The successful resumption of business in securities not largely held by foreign interests by interior stock exchanges also enhanced the general feeling of confidence.

The course of the money market, with call loans down to 3 1-2 added to the cheerful outlook in the monetary situation. England's war loan, issued on a 4 per cent. basis, went to a premium over the issue price.

At home the interesting features included the reduced discounts made by several federal reserve bank, flotation of a Swedish loan for $5,000,000 and the ready sale of 12,700,000 worth of Canadian Pacific railway trust certificates. Demand for pig iron improved. Copper advanced and additional large orders for war supplies were reported.

SUBSTITUTE FOR GASOLINE

Much is Claimed for New Product "Zoline"—Some Investigations by Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The oft-repeated inquiry, "Will ever there be a substitute discovered for gasoline?" recently sought an answer in the invention of the fluid called "zoline" but the small comment aroused by the announcement of the discovery indicates that the public is wary of the claims for this new product. The announcement that fuel as good or better than gasoline could be placed on the market at two or three cents a gallon apparently was too good to be true yet it has been established that the fluid was given a test at Indianapolis, which observers report was highly satisfactory. The Philadelphia Public Ledger, which published reports of the test, received numerous letters expressing doubt of the truth of the claims for "zoline" and in a recent issue printed a number of telegrams about it. Here are two of them:

Reports on Tests.

"Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 24.

"I know personally about this product zoline. It is a wonderful proposition. It consists of nine parts rain water and one-tenth a secret chemical. A test was held at the Indianapolis motor speedway last week under official A. A. A. sanction. A thousand miles were driven at an average of 50 miles per hour. The motor fuel was made right there on the ground. The cost of making is less than 2 cents a gallon. It is manufactured through a still. One of these stills is to be shown at the coming New York automobile show, and the product manufactured right in the hall. The engine of the car has been torn down and no other ill effects were found on the motor. I could refer you to a dozen prominent Indianapolis men concerning its wonderful merits. Not only is it good for automobiles, but for any engine using gasoline for energy. In fact, it is better, because the heat units are less and the combustion power greater than gasoline.

"W. BLAINE PATTON,
"Manager Star News Bureau."

"Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 25.

"We have tested in Marmon cars the new fuel styled zoline. It is apparently an entirely successful substitute for gasoline. Representatives of our company have seen the fuel made experimentally and did not detect any fraud. We have no definite knowledge as to the cost of production, and therefore can not say whether the new fuel will revolutionise motor traffic. It looks like a genuine remarkable discovery, which is still in an experimental state.

"NORDYKE & MARMON CO."

Another from a news agency in Pittsburgh, quotes Andrus, the invehtor, who lives in McKeesport, Pa., as saying that the fluid, 90 per cent of which is rain water and the remainder a secret composition, can be manufactured on a small scale at 1 1-2 cents a gallon and, on a large scale, for less.

Another of The Public Ledger's telegrams, which speaks for itself, is as follows:

"Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 25.

"Whatever publicity has emanated through various sources about zoline, which name, by the way, has not been definitely fixed by the owners of the formula, has been against their wishes and desires. We can say that the tests of the products as manufactured from both fresh and salt water distillation have been better than on some hydrometer tests of gasoline. The men closely allied are: Carl G. Fisher, J. A. Allison, of the Prest-o-lite Company; Henry B. Joy, president of the Packard Company; Ray Chapin, of the Hudson Company; Howard Marmon, of Nordyke & Marmon Company. These gentlemen are men of large business interests, whose names have never been connected with failure in the financial or motor car world. Their connections would give credence to any cleaims made officially for the new motor spirit.

"E. W. STEINHART,
"President Cadillac Automobile Company of Indiana."

"Important If True."

If these claims be true, they are of prodigious importance. "Zoline" even at 5 cents a gallon would be less than one-third the present cost of gasoline and the miles per gallon made in the Indianapolis test were more than gasoline gives. It is further said that stills, toegther with the secret composition, will be sold so that every owner of a car may manufacture his own fuel.

Despite the favorable reports from responsible persons, it is too soon to say, or to believe, that the invention is a success. At the same time, the reports make mighty comfortable reading. It seems, too, that if the stuff will run automobiles, it will serve for other engines that now consume gasoline.

THE PUBLISHER'S PLAINT

Under Fire From Both Sides Despite Efforts at Neutrality.

(Greensboro News.)

If ever the press of a great nation united on one course of action that of the United States has done so this year in its determination to remain absolutely fair to both sides. Doubtless no paper in the country is without its sympathy for one side or the other, but practically all have rigidly suppressed the inclination to render active support to the favorite. The Associated Press, the newspapers' news-gathering organization, has performed wonders in getting the news out of the war zone; and great wonders in eliminating everything but what was substantially accurate. Yet the newspapers have been under fire constantly. We venture the assertion that there is not an office in the country where this lament, from the New York Evening Post, will not strike a responsive chord:

"The war appears to have wrought this evil, among vastly greater ones, that it has stirred into activity a vast number of irritable people who are at the same time exceedingly matter of fact. A flower of rhetoric, a good-natured allusion, a playful exaggeration serve but as so many red rags to them, and they rush upon you with furious demands for an explanation. It is this kind of person who floods an editor's mail with letters, full of amasement or pain or indignation at something or other he has said. Has he uttered a word in praise of German military skill and bravery? Then he is a traitor to the Anglo-Saxon race. Has he referred to the tragic, but inevitable fate of the Emden? Then he is 'gloating' over a disaster to heroic men. To such people as we refer to there is no such thing as seeking to hold the scales even, no modus in rebus. A newspaper, to them, is either thoroughly pro-German, or else is ferociously in favor of the English. And they lie in wait to catch ever manifestation of its sympathies, one way or the other, and pounce upon it with a triumphant 'Aha, this shows which side has bought you!'"

The Daily News, along with the rest, every day or so gets a letter "blowing it up" for its fancied leaning to one side or the other. The Daily News, of course, prints everything it can get from either side—that is, everything that comes from even an approximately reliable source. Like the rest of the Associated Press papers it has printed a great many rumors; but it has always explained that they were rumors and no more. If our correspondents would suggest some means whereby we might improve our service they may rest assured that we will do all in our power to improve it. But in the meantime they should remember that this newspaper is neither English not German. It is American, and so it intends to remain.

And being American its principal desire connected with the war is that the United States keep out of the mess.

Gore, Ga.—P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." Foley Cathartic Tablets are stimulating in action, and neither gripe nor sicken. They are wholesome and thoroughly cleansing, and keep the liver active. Stout people like them.
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(advertisement.)

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 7, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 47 degrees; at 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .02; rainfall for the month, to date, .11 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 18.3 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina — Local rains Monday; Tuesday, partly cloudy; fresh north winds.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 7, 1914.

Sun rises ... ...7:05 A. M.
Sun sets ... ...5:03 P. M.
Day's length ... ...9 hrs. 58 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	12:23	1:05	7:28	8:44
Southport	10:43	11:02	4:30	5:22
Masonboro Inl	10:32	10:51	4:10	5:02

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 6, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	56	—	.0
Asheville	cldy	42	38	.02
Atlanta	rain	44	42	.02
Augusta	cldy	50	46	.02
Birmingh	clear	50	44	.04
Boston	cldy	38	—	.0
Charleston	rain	50	50	.01
Charlotte	rain	40	38	.0
Chicago	rain	42	—	.20
Galveston	cldy	58	50	.0
Jacksonv	cldy	62	52	.0
Memphis	cldy	48	—	.01
Mobile	cldy	56	48	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	52	46	.02
New Orl	clear	64	50	.0
New York	rain	36	—	.26
Oklahoma	rain	44	—	.10
Palestine	clear	58	46	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	36	—	.12
Raleigh	rain	38	38	.0
Savannah	cldy	54	52	.14
Shreveport	clear	56	—	.0
St. Louis	rain	44	—	.04
St. Louis	rain	44	—	.04
Washing'n	rain	38	—	.60

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A.St. Louis	7:18pm	7:18pm	7:45am

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WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND

Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach
.....	.....	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....
cd2:36 P. M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....

WESTBOUND

Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
a8:01 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:46 P M.
c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
4:06 P.M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
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REDMOND DECLARES IRELAND IS LOYAL

Replies to Criticism That Duty is Shirked.

THOUSANDS JOIN ARMY

Nationalist Leader Censures Those Opposed to Peace Treaty Between the Nationalists and Democracy of England—Cranks

London, Dec. 6.—Speaking at a great demonstration at Tuam, Ireland, today, John E. Redmond, Irish Nationalist leader, replied to statements that Ireland was not doing her duty in the present crisis. He quoted official statistics showing that there were serving with the military forces of the crown on November 30 th 88,000 Irishmen, who had been in the army before the war began or who had joined as reservists or recruits.

If to that were added tens of thousands of Irish recruits joining the colors in Great Britain or in the ranks of the Canadian, Australian or New Zealand contingents, he said, it was safe to say that from 130,000 to 140,000 Irishmen were with the colors.

Mr. Redmond declared that 52,000 of the 89,000 Irishmen in the home army were Catholics. He said that 10,112 Ulster volunteers had gone to the Colors from Belfast, while in the same city the nationalist volunteers who represented only a quarter of the population had contributed 3,513 men. This, he believed was only the beginning of what Irishmen would do.

Mr. Redmond said those who opposed the peace treaty between the nationalists and democracy of England must be divided into 'separatists, socialists, or common or garden cranks, but that they were not and never had been home rulers. When the constitutional movement had been brought to a triumphal end and Ireland had her own parliament they would disappear, he declared.

LODZ CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS

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clearing the fields where recent combats were waged.

"Several German divisions, especially that of the guards, have been so severely tried during their efforts to escape our clutches that they have completely disappeared from the front to recuperate and recognize their formation."

ROUMANIA TO JOIN ALLIES

Just When is Not Known—Some Oppose Present Because of Cold.

Geneva, (via London), Dec. 6.—The Journal De Geneva publishes a dispatch from Bucharest saying Roumania has definitely decided to enter the war on the side of the allies. This decision, according to the dispatch is in accordance with the wish of the entire country, including King Ferdinand and all the Roumanian statesmen, except the minister of finance, Francis M. Marghileman.

The question of when Roumania will make her entry into the conflict is still being discussed, however, one side desiring to avoid a winter campaign, but the military authorities express the fear that Servia may be defeated before spring.

The attitude of Bulgaria remains doubtful.

Greece, Servia and Roumania have profferred certain concessions, which, however, Sofia seems not to consider a sufficient inducement.

GERMANY SAYS REPORT FALSE

Claims That Russian Statement Claims Things That Did Not Happen.

Berlin, Dec. 6 (by Wireless to London).—The following official statement from the German general headquarters was given out today:

"The report given in the Russian statement of November 29 to the effect that the German attacks in the vicinity of Czenstochowa failed with many casualties to the Germans is false, the truth being quite the contrary. The attack of the Seventeenth Russian corps which approached to within 65 yards of our lines was repulsed, the Russians taking position further back and leaving a large number of killed and wounded.

From Vienna, it is officially reported that small engagements near Tymbark, Galicia, have been successful to our arms.

"The position in Poland is good. The battle continues in Northern Poland. Southeast of Arandjelovac (in Servia, about 40 miles southeast of Belgrade), there is stubborn fighting without decision. Three hundred prisoners were taken yesterday."

VERNELLES EVACULATED

Germans Give Up Position Because of French Fire—Cost too Heavy

Berlin, Dec. 6.—(By wireless to London.) The evacuation by the Germans last night of Vernelles, Southeast of Bethune, was officially announced in a statement issued here today. The statement says:

"Vernelles was evacuated by us according to our plan on account of the continuous French artillery fire which was causing unnecessary loss. The buildings which remained standing were blown up by us and our troops occupied positions prepared east of Vernelles so that the enemy could not folow in this direction.

"Southwest of Altkirch the French renewed their attack with reinforcements but without success and they suffered heavy loss."

BELGIAN NEUTRALITY RESPECTED

England Never Once Contemplated Violation of It, Says Report.

London, Dec. 6.—The British government issued a statement today denying that Great Britain ever contemplated violation of Belgian neutrality. The statement records a conversation Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs had with the Belgian minister on April 7, 1913.

In reporting the conversation to the British ministers at Brussels, Sir Edward said he had learned there was apprehension in Belgium that England would be the first to violate Belgian neutrality. He pointed out to the minister that he did not think this apprehension could have come from a British source and he was sure England would not be the first to violate Belgian neutrality. What England had to consider was what it was desirable and necessary for England, as one of the guarantors of Belgian neutrality to do if Belgian neutrality were violated by any power. Sir Edward continued: "For us to be the first to violate it, and to send troops into Belgium would be to give Germany, for instance, justification for sending troops into Belgium. Also what we desired in the case of Belgium as in that of other neutral countries was that heir neutrality should be respected, and as long as it is not violated by any other power w eshould certainly not send troops ourselves into their territory."

GOEBEN BADLY DAMAGED

Was Struck by Fifteen Shells in Recent Black Sea Engagement.

Paris, Dec. 6.—A Havas dispatch from Athens says the cruiser Goeben purchased by Turkey from Germany, is undergoing repairs of heavy damage suffered in the battle with a Russian fleet in the Black Sea recently. The Goeben was struck by 15 shells which are said to have killed 126 members of her crow and to have destroyed a turret, smokestack and one engine.

The Goeben's sailors who were killed, it is said, were buried in the Garden of the German ambassador's summer residence at Therapia, a village eight miles northeast of Constantinople on the Bosphorus. Two-thirds of the Goeben's crew were said to be Germans and the remainder Austrians.

The Goeben was reported in a Petrograd dispatch November 19 as badly damaged in the battle the preceding day between a division of the Russian Black Sea fleet and the Goeben and Breslau.

It was said a series of explosions were seen in the hull of the Goeben, which opened slowly. After the battle had continued 40 minutes, the Goeben was reported to have withdrawn and disappeared in a fog. The Russian losses were given as 33 men killed and 25 wounded.

A Berlin dispatch November 27 said the Goeben lost only eleven men and that the ship was struck by only one shot.

"NOTHING TO REPORT"

Official Communication from Paris Tells of Conditions on Front

Paris, Dec. 6.—The following official communication was issued today:

"There is nothing to report."

The following official communication was given out this afternoon:

'In Belgium on December 5th not far from the Hasseur house, the capture of which was reported yesterday (referred to in yesterday's statement as that of a ferryman on the canal between Dixmude and Ypres,) our heavy artillery destroyed a German field fort. The enemy made a vain attempt to recapture Weidendreft.

"On the rest of the Northern front there has been absolute calm.

"It was calm also in the region of the Aisne.

"In the Champagne district our very active heavy artillery successfully counteracted the batteries of the adversary.

"In the Argone the war of the Sapper was pursued. We continued to progress slowly, repulsing all the enemy's attacks.

"Slight progress was likewise made in the region Southeast of Varennes. The German artillery there has been silenced.

"On the remainder of the front there is no notable occurrence to report".

"COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK" GREAT SUCCESS

Corn Club Boys Give Demonstration in Raleigh.

Carrying Corn Stalk Banners, More Than a Hundred Club Boys Parade in State Capital and Hear Addresses.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—As one hundred or more Wake county Boys' Corn Club boys filed into the auditorium this afternoon waving their tall corn stalks bearing as many as half dozen well developed ears each, Governor Craig declared to them and to the cheering audience that they made a far grander and more inspiring sight than army corp corps of marching troops such as now are shooting each other down in Europe could possibly make. The occasion was the round-up of the Civic Service week for Wake county and there were more than a hundred of these corn club boys taking part under the direction of Prof. T. E. Browne, director of the work in this State. They made a fine sight and a moving picture of them was taken later in the afternoon. They paraded from the State agricultural building around Capitol Square and Fayetteville street and up Salisbury and Morgan streets to the high school building, County Director W. H. Chamblee, Jr., marching at their head.

In his brief talk Governor Craig spoke of the Boys' Corn Club and the Girls' Canning Club work as contributions to community betterment. President D. H. Hill, of the A. & M. college, was also present and talked to the boys on "Efficiency as a Community Asset." The advantages of special training in agriculture was a special feature of his talk. County Superintendent Judd and Assistant Superintendent Edith Royster were also notable speakers. Prizes were awarded to 20 of the members of the Boys' Corn clubs and there was a luncheon served at the conclusion of the exercises.

At the State department of agriculture the statement was made this afternoon that there was observance of community service week, ending today, in practically every county of the State, not all of them, of course, being county-wide, but the extent of the observance proving far more general and successful than had been hoped for.

The department expects to have reports from practically all the county superintendents within the next few days and these will show just what was the success that has attended this "Community Service week" effort. Caldwell's county is said to have made the most comprehensive programme for the week and has arranged to defer the final culmination of the observance in that county until December 11, when there is to be a stock and poultry show. D. Y. Moore is the county superintendent.

BAPTISTS GATHERING FOR BIG CONVENTIONS

Conference of Pastors and the State Convention at Raleigh.

Vanguard of Workers Arriving in State Capital on Every Train—Pastors Meet First and Annual Convention Tuesday Night.

(By T. W. Chamblias.)

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—Early arrivals to attend the two great Baptist gatherings are in the city. Many others will come in tonight and tomorrow morning. Nearly all of these will be pastors as the first of the two meetings is almost exclusively attended by that class of workers. However, some of the leading workers came in tonight and are ready for committee work tomorrow.

The two great meetings promise large things. The first—the annual conference of the Baptist Pastors of North Carolina is an organization yet but a few years old but it has grown wonderfully in interest and power. The annual sermon tonight will be delivered in the First Baptist meeting house and the preacher will be Rev. Frederick Mack Gardner, D. D.

State Convention Tuesday.

The other and the greater meeting is the 84th annual session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the president, Rev. C. H. Durham, D. D., of Winston-Salem, will call the convention to order at 7:30 Tuesday night in the Raleigh city auditorium. Organization with election of officers will follow. Rev. E. T. Carter, D. D., of Spencer, will then preach the annual sermon.

The sessions of the Pastors' Conference are to be held in the meeting house of the First Baptist church. The day sessions of the convention will be held in the same place but the night sessions of the convention will be in the Raleigh city auditorium.

Dr. Cope on Programme.

According to the tentative programme of the committee appointed for the Pastors' Conference, the Tuesday sessions promise interesting discussions. Dr. Henry F. Cope is to deliver two addresses. The first will come Monday night, following the sermon by Dr. Gardner. Dr. Cope will speak on the subject, "The Preacher Educating His People." Tnen Tuesday morning, Dr. Cope speaks on the subject, "The Preacher Organizing His People." Dr. Cope comes with a reputation as an authority and his addresses are anticipated with pleasure. Dr. A T. Robertson, member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will speak on the theme, "The Heart of the Gospel," and his address will interest and strengthen. Other speakers of Tuesday are: Rev. J. S. Snyder of Fayetteville; Rev. R. A. McFarland, of Scotland Neck, and Rev. Baylus Cade, of Shelby.

The annual report of the officers of the Baptist Pastors' Assurance Association will be made. Officers will be elected and the conference will adjourn.

Then comes the convention—Tuesday night. Everything is in readiness and the committees have done their work well. The people of the Capital City have opened their homes and their hearts to the Baptist host.

BELGIUM IS LIVING ON AMERICAN FOOD

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"The Foundation has thus far despatched one ship load of food, 4,000 tons, to Belgium, which already has been received and distributed, it is now loading a second ship in New York harbor, which wil carry 6,500 tons and has purchased for delivery at Philadelphia to a third ship 280,000 bushels of wheat. These three shiploads represent an expenditure of about $1,000,000. It has also sent a commission to Europe to advise as to how and where further relief to noncombatants may be most effectively provided, and is ready to spend millions of dollars if necessary to this direction.

"The Foundation also has just voted to contribute $45,000 to assist in the relief o fthe poor of New York City, realizing "that the war and the industrial depression have created great want at home," and "acting upon requests from various local charitable organizations."

To Investigate Plan Used

The statement cites the fact that the Federal commission on industrial relations is contemplating an investigation of the Foundations "plan to conduct an inquiry into industrial relations, and regarding this branch of the foundations' work says:

"Next in public interest to the Belgian relief work has been the establishment of a department for the investigation of industrial relations to direct which Mr. Mackenzie King formerly minister of labor of Canada has been appointed.

"Upon the establishment of the Rockefeler Foundation, one of the first matters discussed was the advisability of the organization of such an institution and a committee of leading economists and business men was created to consider whether such an organization could wisely be established.

"While the general subject of economic research was under consideration the industrial disturbances in Colorado impressed the President of the Foundation with the great need and public importance of finding an effective means to prevent such conflict and cause him to urge a far-reaching study of industrial relations as the most important immediate inquiry to which the Foundation could direct its attention.

"In view of the passion aroused in Colorado and many divergent interests involved there, it was felt that the Foundation itself should not interfere in that situation, but that it was of the utmost consequence that the root causes of that and similar disturbances should be ascertained, and, if possible removed, not only in Colorado, but elsewhere.

New York, Dec. 6.—Fire believed to have started from a bomb explosion, caused the deaths of four persons of William Johnson's family and destroyed the central section of the village of Ardsley-on-Putnam early today. The loss is estimated at about $150,000. Johnson, who discovered the fire, lost his life in a futile effort to rescue his family.

HEADS THE STATE COMMITTEE

Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, Chairman of Committee to Handle Cotton Loan Fund in North Carolina.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—Joseph G. Brown, president of Citizens' National bank, this city, has accepted the chairmanship of the North Carolina committee to represent the Federal Reserve Board in the administration of the Wade- St. Louis Cotton Holding fund so far as it applies in this State.

The other members of the North Carolina committee, according to a letter just received by Chairman Brown from W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board are: W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte; J. V. Granger, Wilmington; J. Edwood Cox, High Point; J. F. Wiley, Durham; Neill Ellington, Greensboro, and George Stephens, Charlotte. Chairman Brown says there will be a meeting of the committees from the States with the Federal Reserve Board in Washington Decmbr 14 to formally organize and plan for the administration of this $135,000,000 fund. The North Carolina committee has the power to appoint local committees at any points in the State where there is likely to be occasion arising for administering any of this cotton fund.

ITALIAN PREMIER ANSWERS CRITICS

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urging the maintenance of neutrality until the necessity should arise to protect Italy's rights. Until then, he said, there should be a loyal observance of neutrality which alone can give in any moment complete liberty of judgment and action. He recommended great caution and watchfulness, and said that since the very life of the nation was at stake the government, Parliament and the press must be cautious.

CONGRESS FACES ACTIVE SESSION

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crease of $840,000 and this increase probably is the lowest of the big appropriation drafts.

"The agricultural bill probably will not provide the money needed for the suppression of the livestock foot and mouth disease epidemic but a separate bill probably will be reported to the House with an appropriation aggregating $2,500,000."

EDITOR J. T. OLIVER DEAD

Was Recently Appointed as Deputy Collector—Bright's Disease.

Reidsville, Dec. 6.—John T. Oliver, one of the editors and owners of the Reidsville Review, died at his home on Maple avenue at noon yesterday. He was 39 years of age, and had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for several years. He was a prominent Democrats and was appointed deputy revenue collector on December 1 by Collector A. D. Watts. The deceased was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal church, also of the Junior O. U. A. M. lodge.

The funeral and burial was held this afternoon.

He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Lillian Linebury, of Fayetteville, two brothers, R. J. and Manton Oliver, of Reidsville, and one sister, Mrs. T. N. Freddy, of Memphis, Tenn.

Charged With Assault.

Tony Davis was arrested last midnight at Thirteenth and Marstellar streets by Policeman J. F. Jordan and gave bond in the sum of $100 cash for his appearance before the Recorder today to answer the two charges of assaulting, Tony Smith, colored, with a pistol, and carrying a concealed weapon. The affray occurred Saturday night. Davis went to the James Walker Memorial hospital early yesterday morning on account of a wound in his shoulder and was arrested by the police on suspicion of having been the man who attempted to rob D. C. Snead, colored, Saturday night but was later released, it appearing that he was the wrong man.

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Ne wYork, Dec. 6.—Ralph Lovelle, 22 years old, formerly paying teller of the first National bank, of Edgewater, N. J., was brought here today from Liverpool a prisoner accused of absconding on May 5 last with $130,000 belonging to the bank.

Business Locals

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city, for advertisements in this department, upon request by 'phone to No. 51. Messengers will also call for Telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, or advertisements for the Star, but a small charge for strictly Messenger Service. Telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams and bills will be rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union," but for advertisements always call the Star office. No. 51. Locals cannot be taken over the telephone — but upon request messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

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